

DR[®] COMMERCIAL LEAF and LAWN VACUUM

Safety & Operating Instructions



Please read instructions before operating machine

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And, please tell your friends about your new DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM! Having DR Owners spread the word about our products and our way of doing business is the best advertising we can have, and the best way to help us provide even better service in the years to come.

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Chapter 1: Introducing the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM

This manual will help you set up and safely operate your new DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM. Careful adherence to the safety and operating instructions in this manual will ensure many years of productive use.

Please let us know if you have any questions or problems by contacting Technical Support via our toll-free phone number. Our contact information is listed inside the front cover of this manual. When you call, please have your serial number or order number available so we can help you quickly.

Conventions used in this manual



WARNING! The exclamation point within a triangle alerts you to essential operating, safety, maintenance and servicing instructions.

Important! This information is important in the proper use of your machine. Failure to follow this instruction could result in injury to you and others or damage to your machine.

Tip: This is a helpful hint to guide you in getting the most out of your machine.

Tools Needed: This indicates you will need a tool to perform a maintenance function on your machine.

Note: This information may be helpful to you.

If you are ever unsure about an action you are about to take, don't do it. Contact Country Home Products' toll-free support at 1-800-DR-OWNER (376-9637) for help or information.

Chapter 2: Safety Considerations

Taking the time to read and observe all safety instructions will ensure many years of productive use from your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM and help you avoid injury. Please take a few moments to read the following guidelines for safely operating your new machine.

Preparing to Use the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM

- Read these *Safety & Operating Instructions* and the engine owner manual before you use the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM. Become familiar with the controls, engine and service recommendations to ensure the best performance from your machine.
- Inspect the area in which you will be working. The site must be free of potentially hazardous obstacles (e.g., stones, glass and metal objects such as cans).
- Pile sticks that you intend to chip separately and away from the vacuum site.
- Never operate your machine unless all hoses and covers are secured and in good condition. Objects can be thrown at high velocity through openings in hoses and the Collector Box.

Safety Information Labels

Take some time to become familiar with the following standard safety cautions applicable to your machine. Replace damaged or missing safety labels immediately.



Read the instruction manual thoroughly before using this machine.



Use approved eye protection when operating this machine.



Rotating Blades: Keep hands out of chipper and blower inlets as well as the lawn deck when the engines are running.



Do not allow people or pets near the machine when it is operating.



NEVER insert metal, glass, or objects other than wood into the chipper hopper. Be careful when vacuuming to avoid these materials.



Make sure you add oil before starting the engine; the unit is shipped without oil. Fill the oil reservoir slowly to make sure you don't overfill it. #12781



Do not touch and keep combustible substances away from the engine when it is hot. #18887



This label reminds you about the importance of reading and understanding the *Safety & Operating Instructions* manual and of paying attention to the safety warnings. #18836



Always raise the three support legs before towing the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM. #18885



Never detach a vacuum hose or remove a cover or guard while the engine is running. Unplug the spark plug wire first. #18886



WARNING! The items listed in this section will help you keep your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM running smoothly and, most importantly, prevent injury to yourself or others. Please review them carefully before starting your machine.

Protecting Yourself

- Always wear eye protection while operating either your tractor lawn deck, vacuum system, chipper or performing an adjustment on your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to protect your eyes from possible foreign objects thrown from the machine.
- Use hearing protection or earplugs to protect your hearing.
- Wear shoes with non-slip treads when using your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM. If you have safety shoes, we recommend wearing them. Do not use the machine while barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry, which might get caught on the machine's moving parts.
- We recommend wearing snug-fitting work gloves while using the system as a chipper.

Operating the Machine Safely

- Inspect the area in which you will be working. The site must be free of potentially hazardous obstacles (e.g., stones, glass and metal objects such as cans).
- Pile sticks that you intend to chip separately and away from the vacuum site.
- Never operate your machine unless all hoses and covers are secured and in good condition. Objects can be thrown at high velocity through openings in hoses and the Collector Box.
- Never allow people who are unfamiliar with these instructions to use the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.
- To be safe, do not operate the machine near children or pets, and never allow children to operate the machine.
- Never allow people or pets to ride in the Collector Box or on the trailer.
- Never start the blower/chipper engine unless it is bolted firmly to the engine mounting plate and the mounting plate is attached firmly to the trailer chassis using the four (4) retaining knobs. See *Figure 47*.
- Check behind your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM before backing up. You cannot see directly behind the Collector Box.
- Never attempt to dump a load while the lawn tractor engine or the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM engine is running.
- Do not attempt to open the Collector Box when your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM engine or your lawn deck engine is operating. Debris may be propelled at high velocity out of the small openings created in the seams of the Collector Box as you unlatch the Collector Box panels.
- DO NOT operate the machine on slopes greater than 20°.

- When using the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM as a trailer, be sure to secure the load.
- DO NOT tow the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM faster than 8 MPH.
- Keep your hands out of the Chipper Hopper and Vacuum Inlet while the lawn tractor and the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM engines are running. If it becomes necessary to push material into the Hopper, use a small diameter stick.
- Always shut off the lawn tractor engine and the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM engine, and disconnect the spark plug wire before attempting to clear any obstructions in the hoses or Chipper Hopper.
- Remove side branches before chipping to prevent jamming the material in the Chipper Hopper.
- The exhaust area on the engine becomes very hot with use. Allow the engine to cool before doing maintenance or making adjustments.
- Keep your hands and combustible substances away from the engine when it is hot and clean the engine area after each use.
- Use the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM only in daylight.
- ALWAYS FEED THE CHIPPER FROM THE CHIPPING ZONE (*Figure 27*). Never straddle or reach over the engine area at any time.
- Do not attempt to chip wood larger than specified in this manual.
- Use only your hands to operate the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM engine controls. Always dismount your lawn tractor when starting and stopping the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM engine to prevent contact with the hot muffler.
- Never use the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to vacuum anything but yard waste, such as leaves, grass, small twigs and pine cones.
- If the machine starts to make an unusual noise or vibration, immediately shut off the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire, and allow all moving parts to come to a complete stop. Inspect for clogging or damage. Clean and repair and/or replace damaged parts.
- Do not, under any conditions, remove, bend, cut, fit, weld, or otherwise alter standard parts on the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM. Modifications to your machine could cause personal injuries and will void your warranty.
- Do not alter or tamper with safety devices or shields. Make sure they are in proper position.
- Only use accessories approved for this machine by Country Home Products. Read, understand, and follow all the instructions provided with the approved accessory.
- While using the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM, don't hurry or take things for granted.
- Never leave the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM unattended with its motor running.
- Do not operate the machine when under the influence of alcohol or medication.
- Always make certain nuts and bolts are tight to assure a safe working condition and always use the supplied self-locking hardware; do not substitute.

Slope Operation

Slopes are a major factor related to tip over accidents, which can result in severe injury. All slopes require caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not vacuum it.

DO:

- Vacuum up and down the face of slopes; never across. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- Remove objects such as stones, glass and metal objects such as cans.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

DO NOT:

- Do *not* operate on slopes greater than 20 degrees.
- Do *not* vacuum near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. Your tractor and the vacuum may tip over.
- Do *not* vacuum excessively steep slopes.
- Do *not* vacuum on wet slopes. Reduced traction could result in slipping and a possible roll over.

Safety for Children

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the tractor and the vacuuming/chipping activity. *Never* assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

- Keep children out of the work area and under the watchful care of a responsible adult.
- Be alert and always shut OFF the lawn tractor engine and the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM engine if children enter the work area.
- Before and while moving backwards, look behind and *down* for small children. You cannot see directly behind the Collector Box.
- Never allow children to operate the tractor or vacuum.
- Never allow children to play in the Collector Box. If they become trapped in the enclosure they may be exposed to temperatures similar to leaving a child in a car with the windows closed on a sunny day.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure your vision.

Safety with Gasoline-Powered Machines

- Do not run the engine in an enclosed area or without proper ventilation.
- Store all fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.
- Fill the gasoline tank outdoors with the engine off. Allow the engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling. Don't handle gasoline if you or anyone nearby is smoking, or if you are near anything that could cause the gasoline to ignite or explode.
- If you spill gasoline, do not attempt to start the engine. Replace the gasoline cap securely, move the machine away from the area of the spill and avoid creating any source of ignition until the gas vapors have dissipated. Wipe up any spilled fuel to prevent a fire hazard and properly dispose of the waste.
- Allow the engine to cool completely and empty the Collector Box before storing the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM in any enclosure. Remember, decomposing material can generate heat and start a fire. Never store the machine near an open flame or spark with gasoline in the tank.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or modify the engine speed. Modifications will void your warranty.
- Do not allow any part of the engine, especially around the cooling fan and muffler, to become clogged with leaves, grass, oil, grease or any other combustible material.
- Do not operate the engine if the air cleaner or cover over the carburetor air-intake is removed, except for adjustment. Removal of such parts could create a fire hazard.

Note: If situations occur that are not covered by this manual, use care and good judgment. Call **1(800) DR-OWNER (376-9637)** for assistance.

A Note to All Users

Under California law, and the laws of some other states, you are not permitted to operate an internal combustion engine using hydrocarbon fuels without an engine spark arrester. This also applies to operation on US Forest Lands. All DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUMS shipped to California and Washington State are provided with spark arresters. Failure of the owner or operator to maintain this equipment in compliance with state regulations is a misdemeanor under California law and may be in violation of other state and/or federal regulations. Contact your local fire marshal or forest service for specific information in your area.

Additional Information and Potential Changes

Country Home Products, Inc. reserves the right to discontinue, change, and improve its products at any time without notice or obligation to the purchaser. The descriptions and specifications contained in this manual were in effect at printing. Equipment described within this manual may be optional. Some illustrations may not be applicable to your machine.

Chapter 3: Setting Up Your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM

This chapter outlines a few simple steps you will need to follow to set up your new machine before you use it. It may be helpful to familiarize yourself with the controls and features on your machine by reviewing the picture below before beginning the steps outlined in this chapter.

DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM Controls and Features

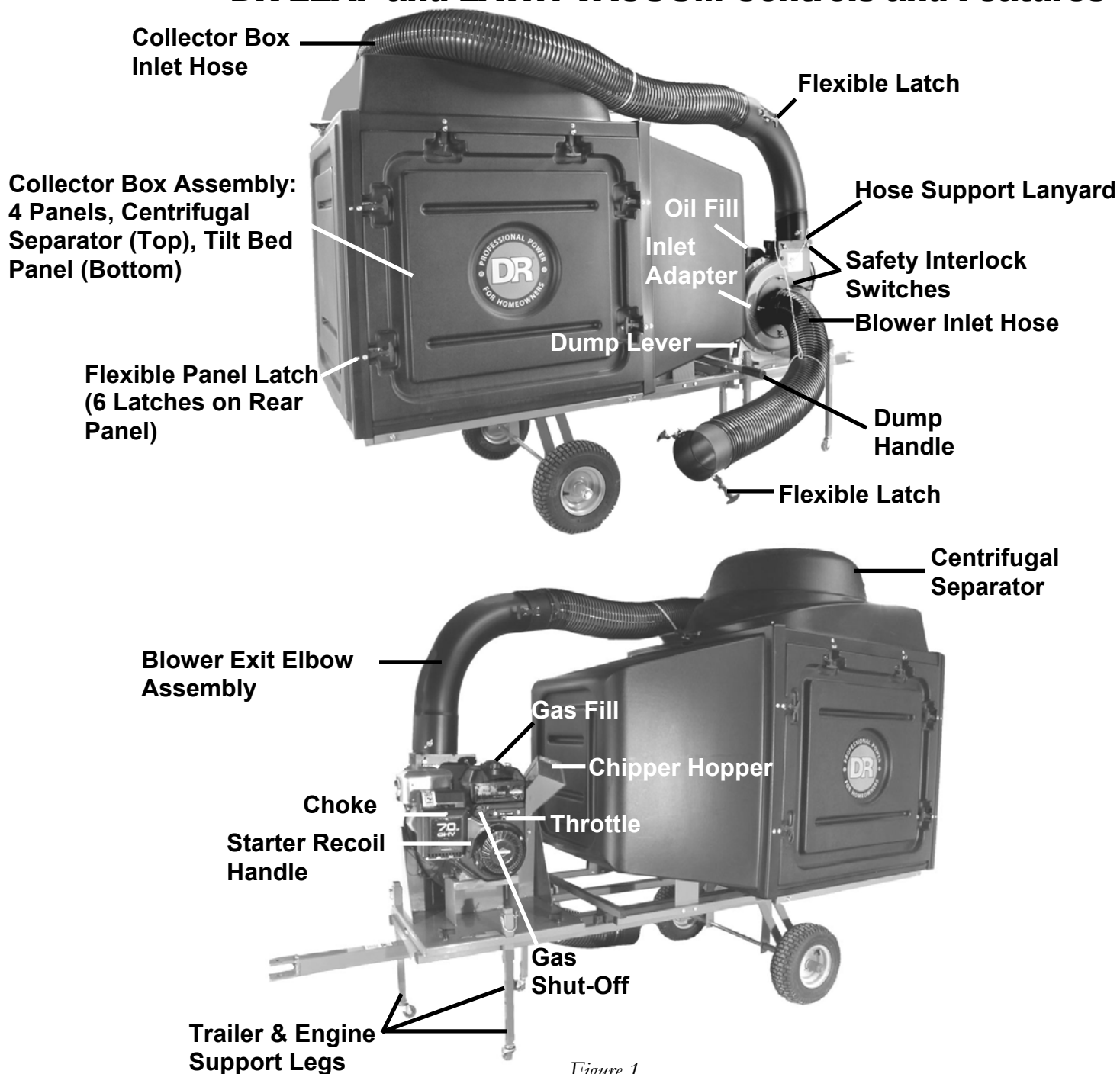


Figure 1

Unpacking and Assembling the Machine

The DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM is shipped from the factory with the wheels dismounted from the axles. The following instructions will detail how to unpack the machine, assemble the wheels to the axles, install the Tilt Bed, and assemble the Collector Box.

Tools & Supplies Needed:

- Flat blade screwdriver
- Pliers
- Hammer
- Knife
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- Metal shears

Parts supplied:

- (1) Axle
- (2) Side Collector Box Panels
- (1) Front Collector Box Panel
- (1) Rear Collector Box Panel
- (1) Centrifugal Separator with attached vacuum hose
- (1) Blower Outlet Hose Assembly
- (2) Wheels (w/pre-lubricated bearings) and Tires
- (1) Trailer Frame w/3 Support Legs w/Casters
- (1) Tilt Bed
- (1) Universal Hitch Plate
- (1) each 7" and 8" Hose Adapter
- Hearing Protectors
- (1) Plastic Bag containing miscellaneous mounting hardware:
 - (4) 5/16" x 3/4" Wing Screws
 - (4) 5/16" x 2" Wing Screws
 - (4) 5/16" x 1" Bolts
 - (16) 5/16" Flat Washers
 - (8) 5/16" Lock Washers
 - (4) 5/16" Lock Nuts
 - (1) Hitch Extender with 1/2" X 2" Bolt, Lock Nut & Washer
 - (3) Clevis Pins
 - (4) 3/4" Wheel Washers
 - (2) Axle Cotter Pins
 - (1) White Plastic Cable Tie

Attaching Hardware Description



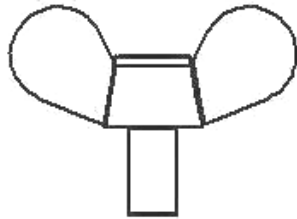
5/16" WING NUT



5/16" X 1" BOLT



5/16" LOCK WASHER



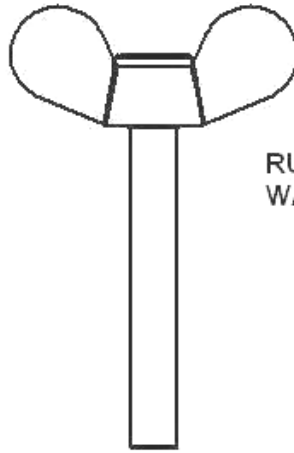
5/16" X 3/4" WING SCREW



5/16" FLAT WASHER



COTTER PIN, 3/16" X 1 1/2"



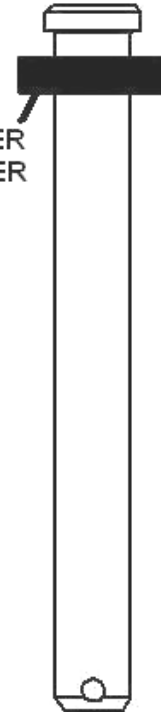
5/16 X 2" WING SCREW



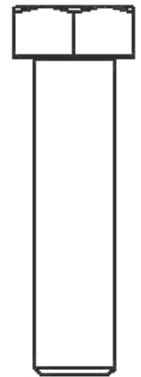
5/16" LOCK NUT



HITCH CLIP



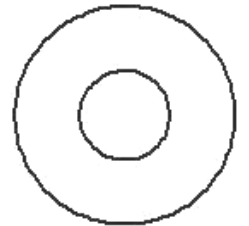
CLEVIS PIN



1/2" X 2" BOLT



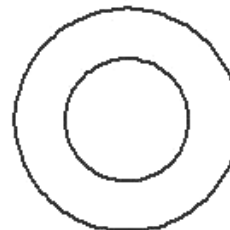
1/2" LOCK NUT



1/2" FLAT WASHER



HITCH EXTENDER



3/4" FLAT WASHER

Opening the Shipping Container and Installing the Wheels



WARNING! Stabilize the shipping container on flat terrain before attempting to unpack and assemble the machine.



WARNING! Always wear eye protection when cutting the banding. The banding may have a lot of tension on it and may snap, striking you when cut. Always stand to one side when cutting the band.

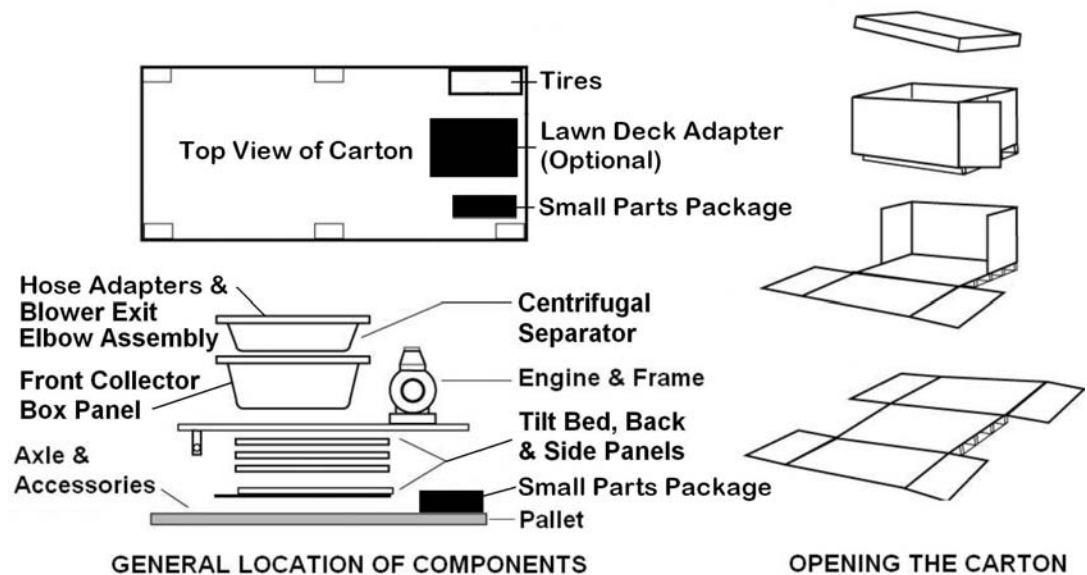


Figure 2

1. Stand to one side and cut the banding.
2. Remove the top of the carton (Figure 2).
3. Open the ends of the stapled cardboard carton and fold the sides down (Figure 2). The staples are sharp so be careful.
4. Remove the wheels from the forward upright compartment (Figure 2).
5. Remove the Centrifugal Separator, Blower Exit Elbow Assembly, Universal Hose Adapters and the Front Collector Box Panel.
6. Remove the Tilt Bed, Side and Back Panels by sliding them out from under the Trailer Frame.
7. Remove the Hitch Plate and Plastic Bag containing assembly hardware from the package under the engine mount.
8. Stand to one side and cut the pallet strapping holding the machine to the pallet.

9. Slide a Flat Wheel Washer over the Axle and up against the Axle Bracket (*Figure 3*).
10. Lift the frame and with the valve stem facing out, slide a wheel on the axle, install a second flat wheel washer over the axle and slide it up against the wheel hub (*Figure 4*).
11. Insert a cotter pin through the hole in the axle and bend the top of the cotter pin over to retain it in the assembly (*Figure 5*).
12. Repeat Steps 9 through 11 for the second wheel.
13. Lift the tongue of the trailer and roll the machine from the shipping pallet.
14. Holding the tongue level, remove the Safety Hitch Pin from the nearest Support Leg w/Caster in the front of the trailer frame and allow the leg to drop. Replace the Safety Hitch Pin in the hole provided to secure the leg in the down position (*Figure 6*).
15. The remaining two (2) legs are installed upside down for packaging. You need to remove them and reinstall them from the bottom, making sure that the holes in the legs are on the same sides as the holes in the Engine Plate tubes. Replace the Safety Hitch Pins in the holes provided to secure the legs in the down position (*Figure 6*).
16. Save your pallet and packaging material until you are fully satisfied with your machine.

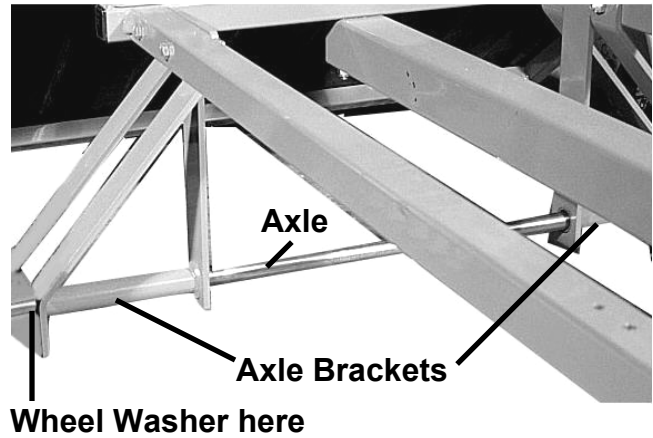


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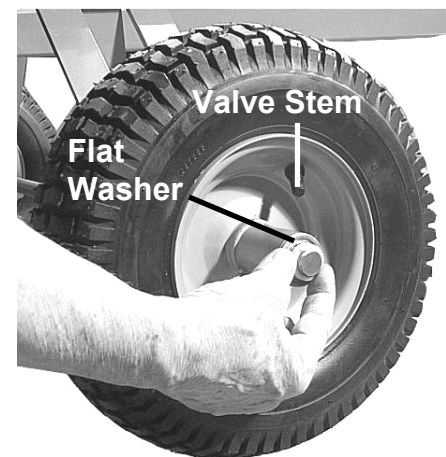


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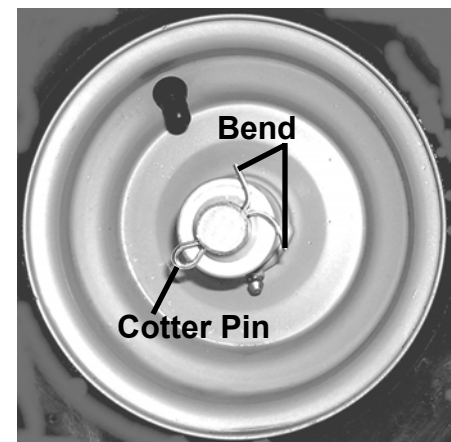


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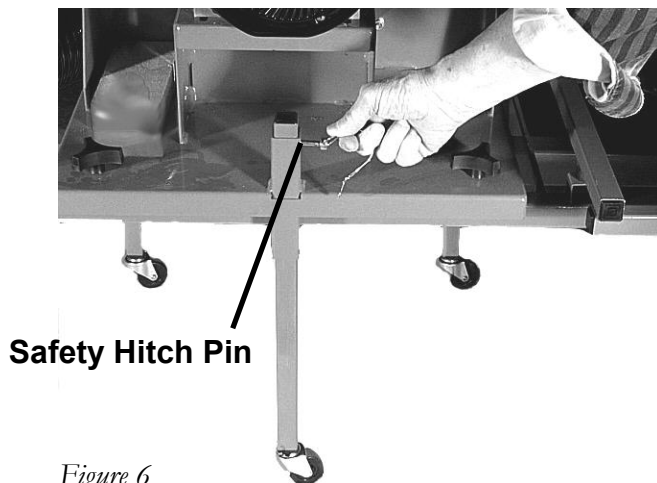


Figure 6

Tire Pressure Check

There should be 40 psi in each tire.

Tilt Bed Installation

The following procedure includes all of the steps necessary for the installation of the Tilt Bed on the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.

Note: The plastic Tilt Bed is mounted loosely on the frame to allow for expansion of the plastic.

1. Place the Tilt Bed on the trailer frame with the mating hinges at the same end.

Tip: Block the wheels to keep the machine from rolling away.

2. Align the left hinge on the Tilt Bed with the left hinge on the trailer frame (*Figure 7*).

3. Insert a Clevis Pin through the mated hinges and secure with a Hitch Clip (*Figure 7*).

Tip: Tilt the bed back for ease of inserting the Clevis Pins.

4. Repeat Step 3 for the right side hinges.

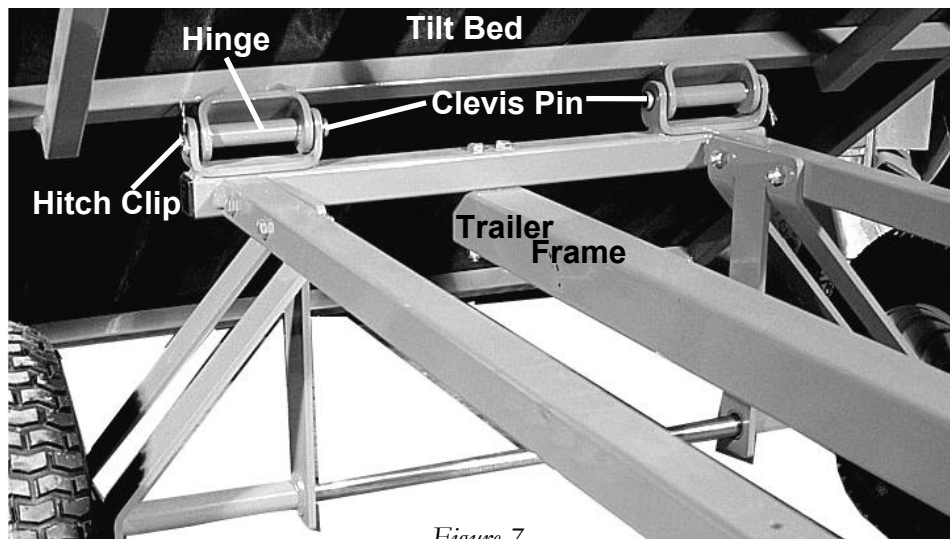


Figure 7

5. Lower the Tilt Bed, using the Dump Handle, to the down position and make sure that the Dump Lever locks into place before proceeding with the Collector Box installation (*Figure 8*). The Dump Lever is spring loaded so it will click into the Locked Position when the Tilt Bed is all the way down.



Figure 8

Collector Box Installation

The following procedure includes all of the steps necessary for the installation of the Collector Box on the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.

1. Place the projecting edges of the two Side Panels in the slots on the trailer as shown.

Note: The Side Support plates are loosely mounted to the Side Panels to allow for easy alignment and expansion of the plastic. Align the holes in the projecting edges with the holes in the trailer frame. Secure them at each end to the trailer frame with the 5/16" x 2" Wing Screws. Install a Lock Washer followed by a Flat Washer on each Wing Screw. The Wing Screws are inserted through the frame from the outside (*Figure 9*).

Note: The side support plates may have swung inside during shipping.

2. Tip the Centrifugal Separator at a 45° angle and slide it between the secured sides on the trailer with the hose protruding along the right side of the trailer pointing toward the front (*Figure 10*).
3. Place the left edge of the Centrifugal Separator on top of the left side panel. (*Figure 10*).

Tip: This can be accomplished easier with two (2) people.

4. Lift the hose side of the Centrifugal Separator and place it on top of the right side panel; align the holes in the top edges of the side panels with the protruding pins from the Centrifugal Separator and secure in place with the flexible latches (*Figure 11*).

Tip: Push out in the middle of the top of the side panel to help seat the pin in the hole in the middle of the top edge of the Side Panel.

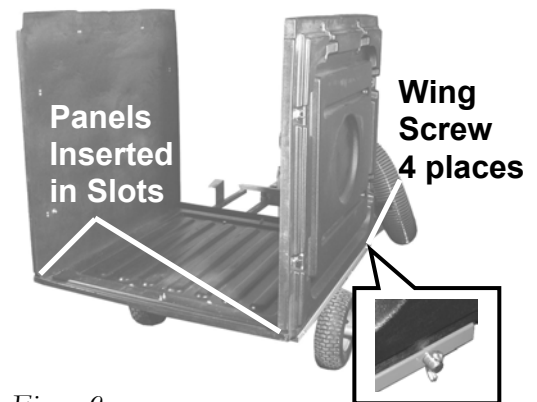


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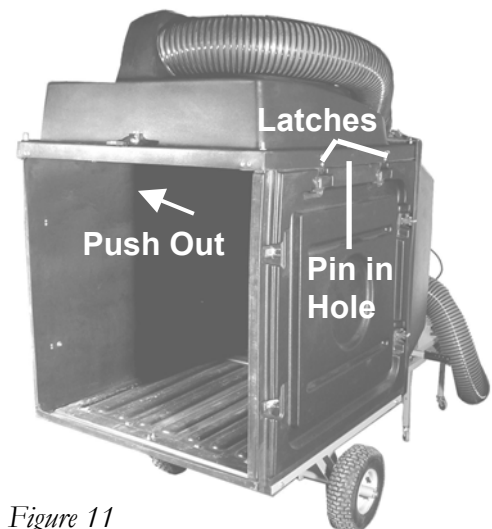


Figure 11

5. Attach the front enclosure panel on the protruding support pins and fasten the sides, top and bottom using the six (6) flexible latches (*Figure 12*). The mounting holes are located on top of the panels.

Tip: For ease of attaching the front box cover, pull the Dump Lever and tilt the body back. Set the front box cover over the protruding pins, one side at a time, making certain that the six (6) flexible latches are on the outside of the panels (*Figure 12*).

6. Lower the bed until it is locked in place with the Dump Lever (*Figure 8* on page 14). Attach the rear panel on the protruding pins and secure in place with the six (6) flexible latches (*Figure 13*).

Tip: Set the rear panel over the protruding pins, one side at a time, making sure to keep the flexible latches on the outside of the box.

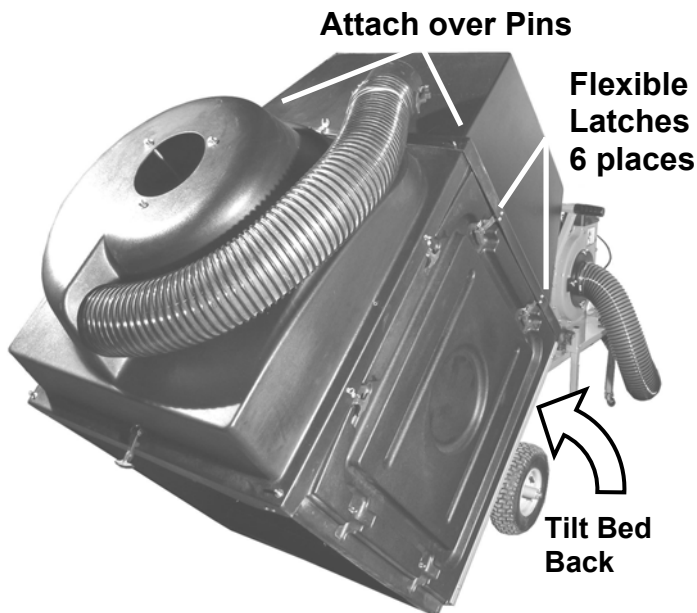


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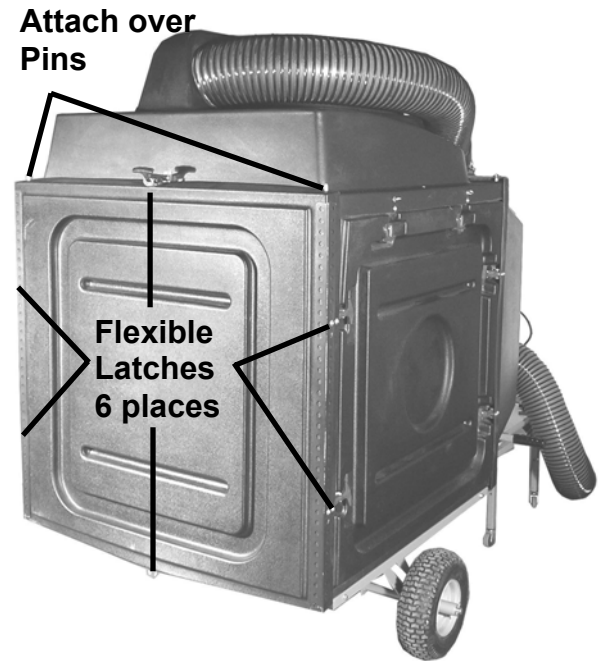


Figure 13

Blower Exit Elbow Assembly Installation

The following procedure includes the steps necessary for installing the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly on the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.

1. Install the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly on top of the Blower with the elbow pointing toward the Collector Box (Figure 14).
2. Align the hood of the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly to assure that the Safety Interlock Switch is engaged, verify the position of the Lanyard as shown, and then install a Lock Washer and Flat Washer over each of the four (4) 5/16" x 1/2" Wing Screws and hand tighten them to the blower housing (Figure 14).

Tip: Start all four (4) Wing Screws before tightening them securely.

Note: If the Safety Interlock Switch is not engaged, the engine will not start. Adjust the switch mounting bracket by loosening the bracket bolt and sliding the bracket up so that the button on the switch is fully depressed against the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly.

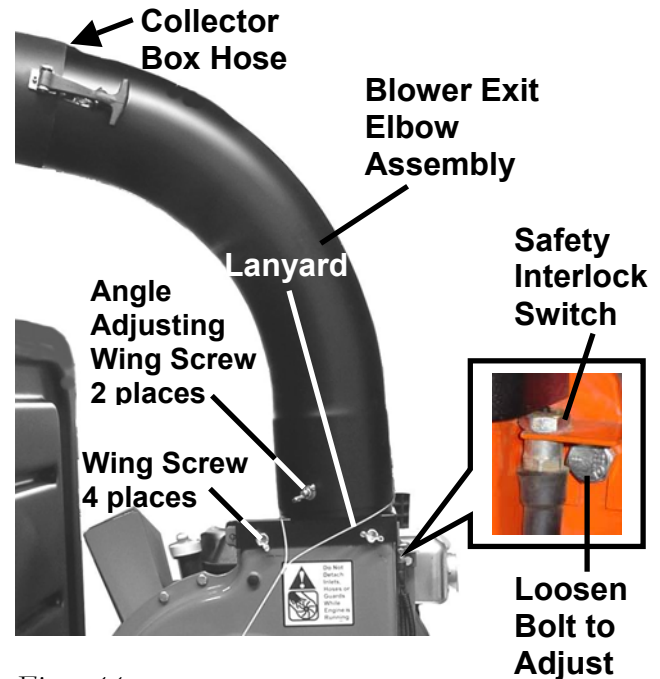


Figure 14

Connecting the Collector Box Inlet Hose to the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly

The following procedure includes the steps necessary for connecting the Collector Box Inlet Hose to the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly on the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.

1. Connect the hose from the Collector Box to the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly by aligning the two flexible latches (Figure 15) and slipping the hoses together.
2. Pull and hook the two flexible latches into place (Figure 15) to secure the hoses.

Note: Align the Exit Elbow with the hose by loosening the two (2) Wing Screws (Figure 14) one or two turns and then turn the Elbow to align with the hose.

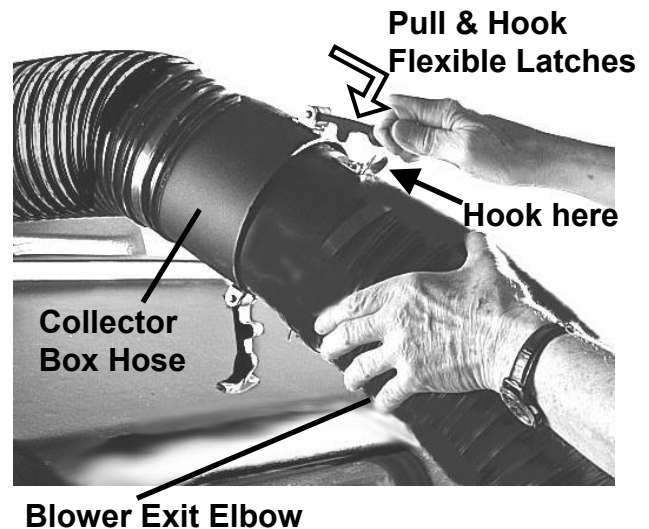


Figure 15

Universal Hitch Plate Installation

The following procedure includes the steps necessary for installing the Universal Hitch Plate to your lawn tractor. The Hitch Plate is designed to accommodate a variety of mounting positions to achieve the proper tongue height for the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.

Note: Depending on the size and shape of your lawn tractor, you may not need the Universal Hitch Plate. If you do need it, it may be installed in one of four different configurations. Pick the configuration that aligns best with the existing mounting holes and avoids areas with other equipment such as the gas tank, battery or electrical wiring. You may need to drill mounting holes if none are available. A typical installation is shown in *Figure 16*.



WARNING! In determining which hitch plate configuration to use, note the location of the battery, fuel tank, electrical wiring, etc. on your tractor so as not to damage them with the mounting hardware. Determine the best orientation of the hitch plate to avoid hitting other items while drilling any holes.

Tool Needed:

- 1/2" Wrench or Socket
- 3/8" drill bit & drill (if necessary)

Using the (4) 5/16 x 1" Bolts, Lock Nuts & (8) Flat Washers supplied (one washer, inside and outside on each bolt); install the Hitch Plate centered on your lawn tractor approximately 13" (10" - 14") from the ground (*Figure 16*) by mounting the Hitch Plate in either of the illustrated configurations (*Figure 16*).

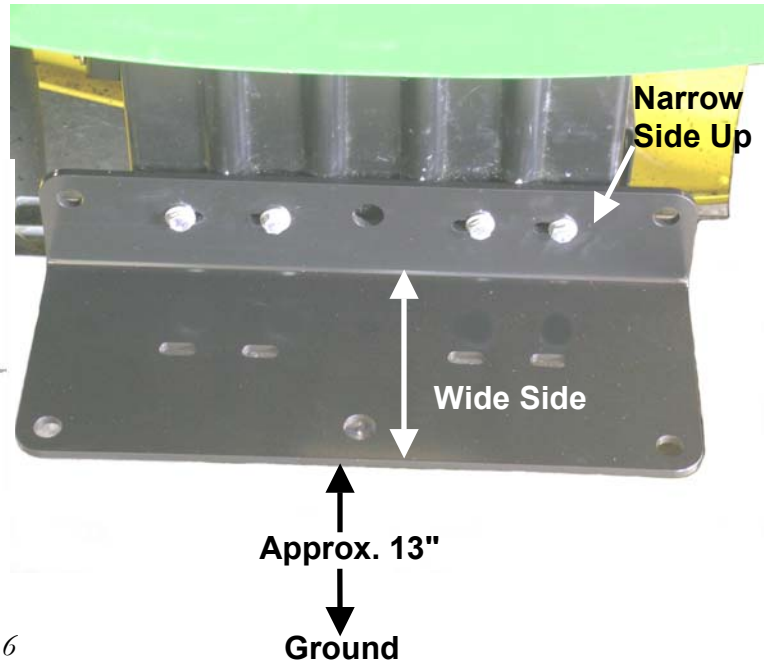
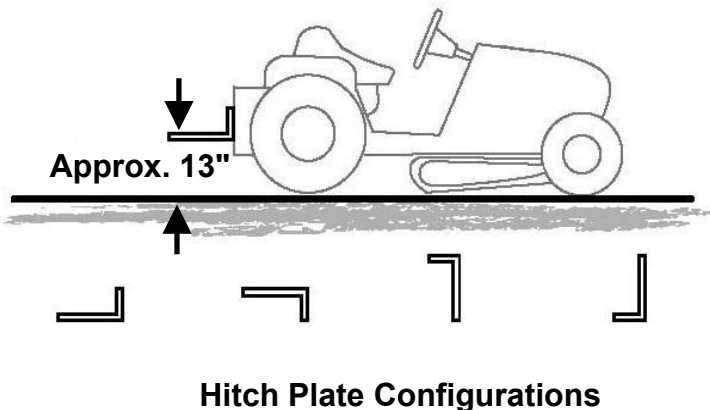


Figure 16

Important! The top surface of the Hitch Plate should be approximately 13" from the ground.

Connecting the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to your Lawn Tractor

The following procedure includes the steps necessary for connecting the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to your lawn tractor.

1. Position your lawn tractor on level ground at a slight angle to the trailer tongue on the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM (*Figure 17*) and set the parking brake.
2. Lift the trailer tongue and rest it on the Hitch Plate (*Figure 17*). Align the hole in the center of the Hitch Plate with the holes in the tongue and insert the Clevis Pin. This will hold the trailer stationary.
3. Raise the three Support Legs on the trailer frame by removing the Safety Hitch Pins and reposition them into the lower holes provided in the leg shafts (*Figure 18*).
4. Remove the Clevis Pin and lift the trailer tongue off the Hitch Plate and reposition the tongue so that the Hitch Plate is in the opening in the tongue (*Figure 19*).
5. Align the hole in the center of the Hitch Plate with the holes in the tongue and insert the Clevis Pin and attach the Hitch Clip (*Figure 19*).

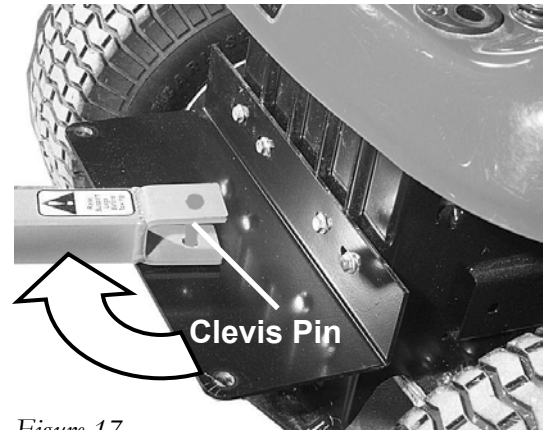


Figure 17

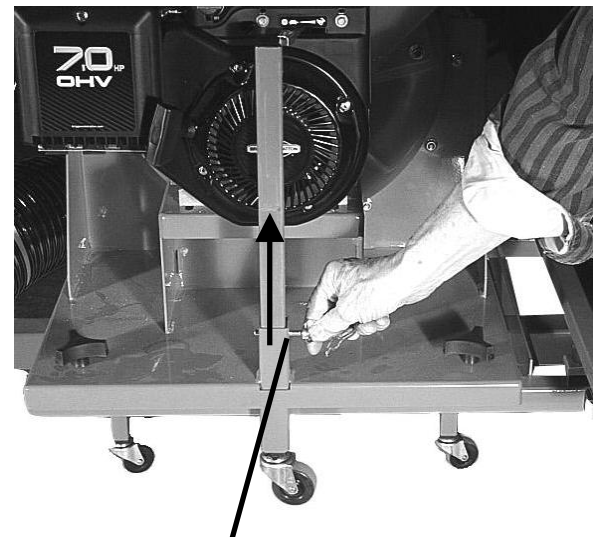


Figure 18

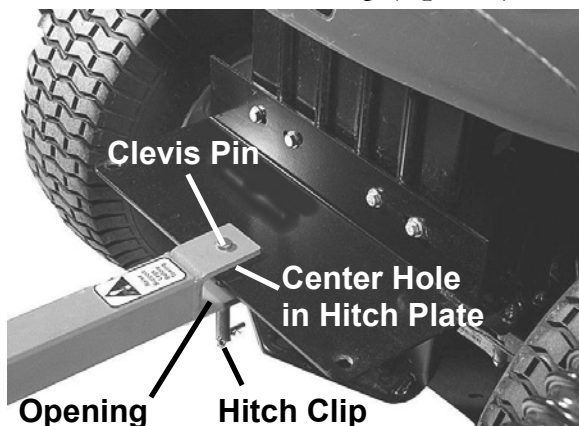


Figure 19



WARNING! Always raise the Support Legs prior to towing this equipment. Extended support legs can be damaged or deformed if they hit the ground or an object.

Lawn Deck Adapter Installation

The following procedure includes the steps necessary for connecting the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM Blower Inlet Hose to your lawn tractor.

Tools Needed:

- 1/2" Wrench or Socket
- Drill with 3/8" Bit
- Saw

1. Install your lawn deck adapter (available from the manufacturer of your lawn tractor) on your lawn tractor.

Note: Optional Accessories – Due the variety of lawn tractors, the hose kits supplied may not fit all tractors. Our Technical Service Dept. can help you adapt to your machine.

- A Universal Deck Adapter is available for you to fit to your machine if the tractor manufacturer's lawn deck is not available.
- A Lawn Deck Adapter Extension is available to attach to a small deck adapter and support the vacuum hose.

1. Mark the distance of approximately 23" from the ground to the top surface of your lawn deck adapter exit tube (*Figure 20*).
2. Remove the lawn deck adapter from your lawn tractor and using a saw, cut the exit tube of the lawn deck adapter at 90° (*Figure 20*).

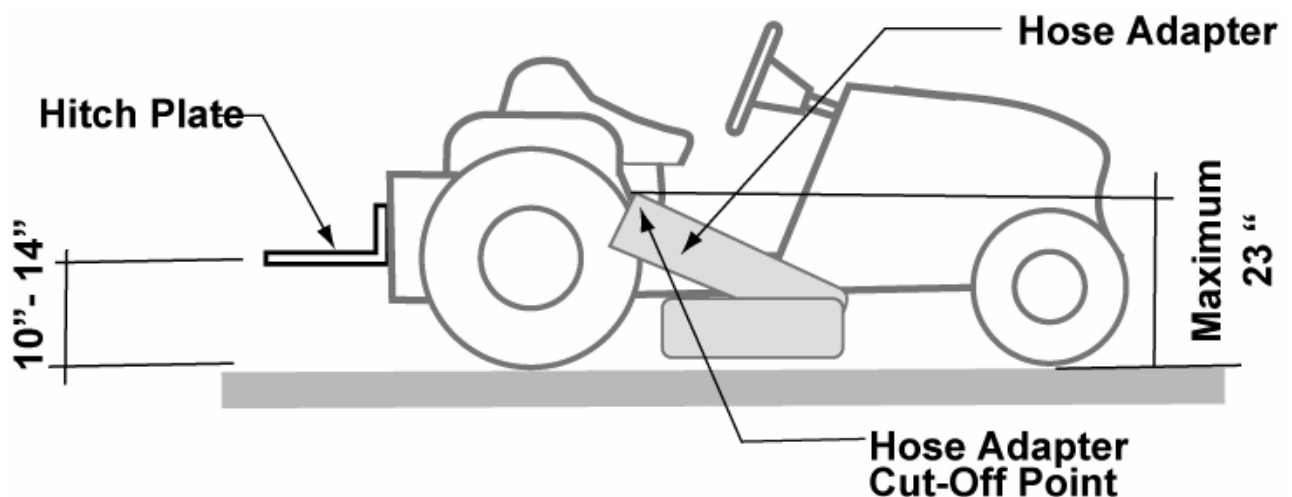


Figure 20

4. We have supplied both a 7" to 6" and 8" to 6" Hose Adapter. Determine which best fits your lawn deck adapter.
 5. Slip the Hose Adapter over the cut end of your Lawn Deck Adapter, until they make contact.
 6. Position the assembly beside your tractor and rotate Hose Adapter so that the hose latches will be located with one on top and one on the bottom of the Adapter (*Figure 21*).
 7. Drill a 3/8" hole through the Hose Adapter and Lawn Deck Adapter tube at a predrilled hole in the Hose Adapter (*Figure 21*) and secure the Adapter in place with a 5/16" Bolt, Nut and Washer by inserting the bolt through the drilled hole from the inside the Adapter tube.
 8. Attach the washer and nut on the outside of the Adapter tube, thus preventing debris from collecting on the retaining hardware (*Figure 21*).
 9. Repeat Steps 7 & 8 two more times as shown around the Hose Adapter (*Figure 21*).
- Note:** Two holes are provided in the Hose Adapter as guides. The third hole should be drilled on top of the Hose Adapter for ease of assembly.
10. Tighten the nuts with a 1/2" wrench or socket. Be careful not to over tighten and damage the Hose Adapter.
 11. Re-install the lawn deck adapter.



Figure 21

Connecting the Blower Inlet Vacuum Hose to the Hose Adapter

The following procedure includes the steps necessary for connecting the Blower Inlet Vacuum Hose of the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to the Hose Adapter.

Tools May Be Needed:

- Wire Cutters or Hack Saw
- Knife
- Screw driver or Nut driver

1. Connect the hose from the Blower Inlet to the Hose Adapter by aligning the two flexible latches and slipping the end of the hose over the adapter (*Figure 22*).
2. Pull and hook the two flexible latches into place (*Figure 22*) to secure the hose.

Tip: If the latches do not align, loosen the hose clamp on the Inlet Hose and rotate the hose connector into alignment.

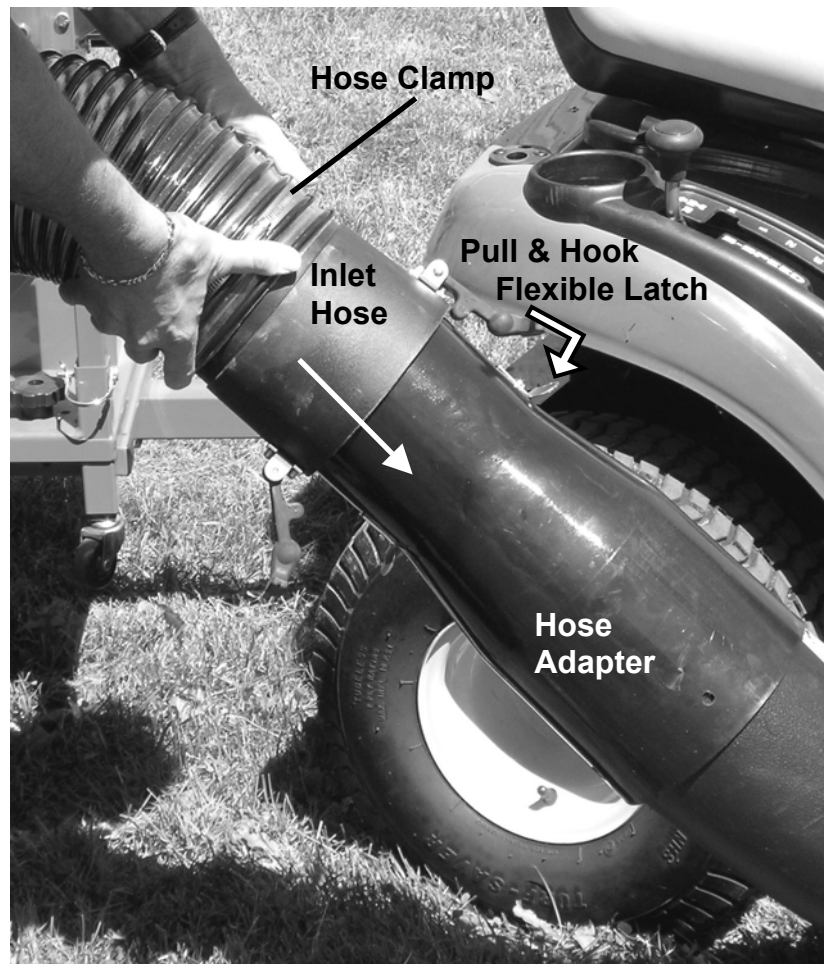


Figure 22

3. To assure that the hose has the proper length, turn the tractor all the way to the left, while watching the hose. The hose should not become too taut so as to move or damage your lawn deck adapter. If the trailer tongue is able to contact the Hitch Plate, without stressing the hose or lawn deck adapter, the hose is of sufficient length (*Figure 23*).
4. Attach the hose support lanyard loosely, with the supplied white plastic cable tie, in the center of the vacuum hose.
5. To assure that the hose will not drag on the ground, turn the tractor to the right while watching the hose. If the supplied hose support lanyard is not sufficient to prevent the hose from kinking or dragging on the ground, reduce the length of the hose by removing the hose clamp with a screw driver at the inlet of the blower and cutting the hose to length required using wire cutters to cut the spiral and then cut the hose with the razor knife. If the trailer tongue is able to contact the hitch plate, without allowing the hose to kink or drag on the ground, the hose has sufficient support (*Figure 23*).

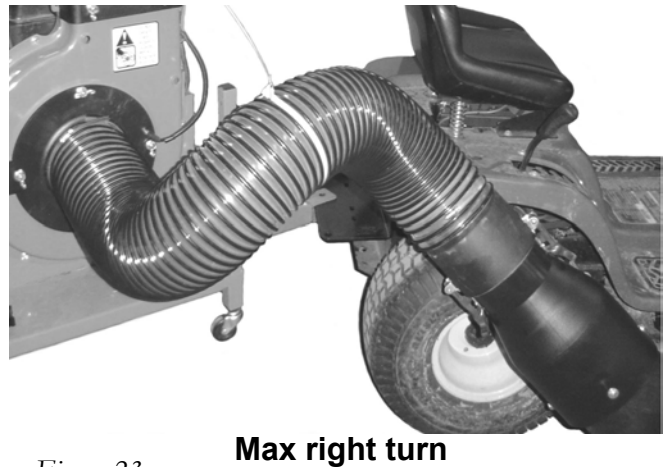
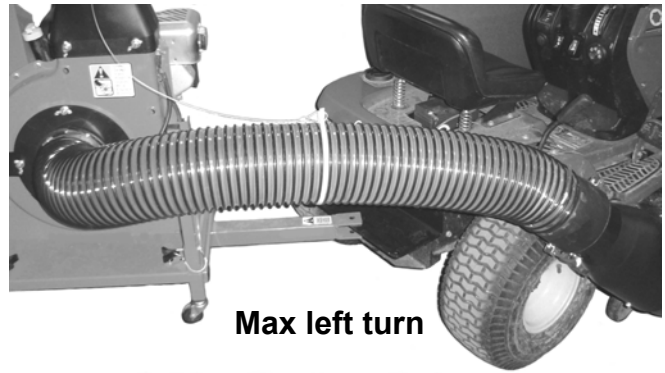


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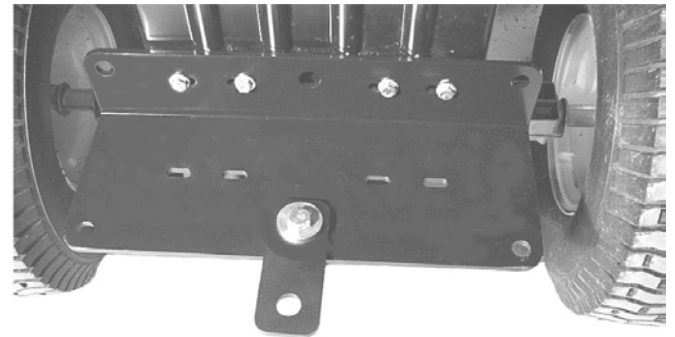


Figure 24

Note: If a tighter turning radius is required, and there is enough hose length to accommodate this, the supplied Hitch Extender may be used (*Figure 24*). The Hitch Extender is most useful when using your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM as a trailer to obtain maximum maneuverability when not concerned about hose length.

Adding the Engine Oil and Gasoline

⚠ WARNING! You must add oil before starting the engine. This machine is shipped without oil. Traces of oil may be in the reservoir from factory testing, but **YOU MUST ADD OIL BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE**. Fill the reservoir slowly checking the dipstick frequently to avoid overfilling.

Important! To get an accurate reading when checking the oil level:

- ⇒ The machine should be on a level surface.
- ⇒ The dipstick should be screwed down on Briggs & Stratton engines.

Capacities	
Briggs & Stratton 7.0 HP Intek Engine	SAE 30 - 20 oz. (.60L)
Gasoline Tank	Unleaded gasoline, .53 US gal. (2 L)

Tip: To avoid confusion, we recommend leaving the caps on the fuel and engine oil fills and only removing one cap each time when you are ready to pour gasoline or oil into the correct fill.

Use only SAE 30 high detergent oil. Other types of oil could cause problems operating your machine. Please refer to your engine owner manual for detailed oil information.

1. Place the machine on a level surface and initially add 16 oz. (½ quart) of SAE 30 oil, recommended by the engine manufacturer, and wait one minute for the oil to settle (*Figure 25*).
2. Check the dipstick and continue adding a few ounces of oil at a time, rechecking the dipstick until the oil reaches the fill mark. Be careful not to overfill. (*Figure 25*)
3. Fill the gas tank to within 1-½ inch below top of fill neck (to allow for fuel expansion) with fresh, unleaded gas. See your engine manufacturer's owner's manual for more information.

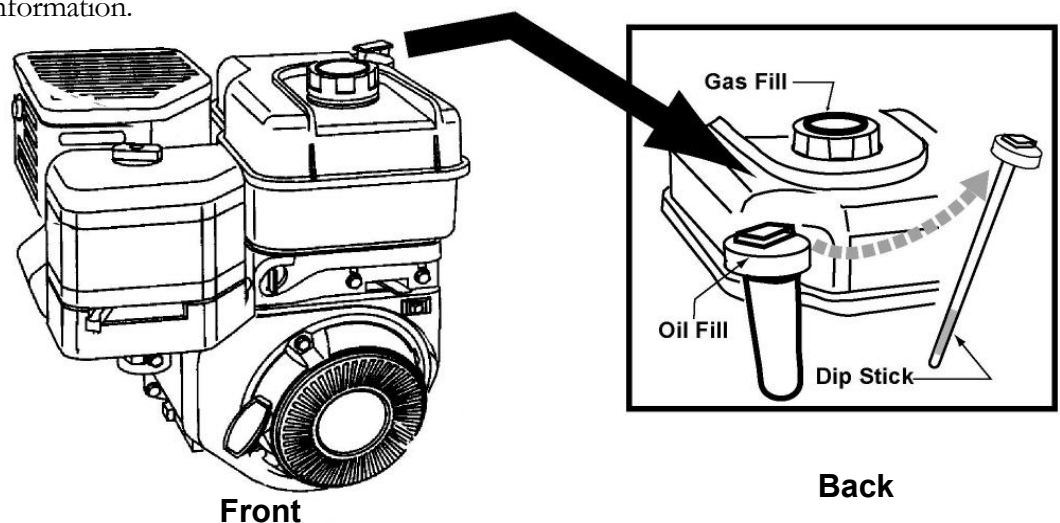


Figure 25

Chapter 4: Operating Your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM

This chapter covers the procedures for starting and stopping your new DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM and also discusses basic operation features.

Before Starting the Engine



WARNING! Inspect the area in which you will be working. The site must be free of potentially hazardous obstacles such as stones, metal or glass. Pile sticks that you intend to chip separately and away from the vacuum site. Also make sure there won't be people or animals in the area around the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.

1. Connect the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to your lawn tractor (see page 18) and raise the three Support Legs into the mounting frame by repositioning the quick release pins into the lower holes provided in the leg shafts (see *Figure 18* on page 18).
2. Check the engine oil level every time you use the machine (see *Figure 25* on page 23).
3. Check the gasoline level (see *Figure 25*).
4. Turn the Gas Shut-Off valve to the OPEN position (*Figure 26*).

Starting & Stopping

1. When starting a cold engine; push the Choke Control lever to the right (CHOKE) and the Throttle Control lever to the far right (*Figure 26*).
2. Grasp the recoil starter handle and slowly pull until you feel resistance, then pull the cord with a smooth accelerating motion to start the engine. One or two pulls usually starts the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.
3. After the engine starts, slowly push the Choke Control lever to the left (RUN) position. Wait until the engine runs smoothly before each choke adjustment (*Figure 26*). For best engine performance, it is recommended that the engine be operated with the throttle in the fast (Rabbit) position (*Figure 26*).
4. To stop the engine, move the throttle to the slow (Turtle) position allowing the engine to idle, then move the lever to STOP (Stop Sign) position (*Figure 26*).

Important! The engine will not start if the Safety Interlock Switches are not properly adjusted. See page 16, *Figure 14* and page 37, *Figure 43*.



Figure 26

Operating Safety

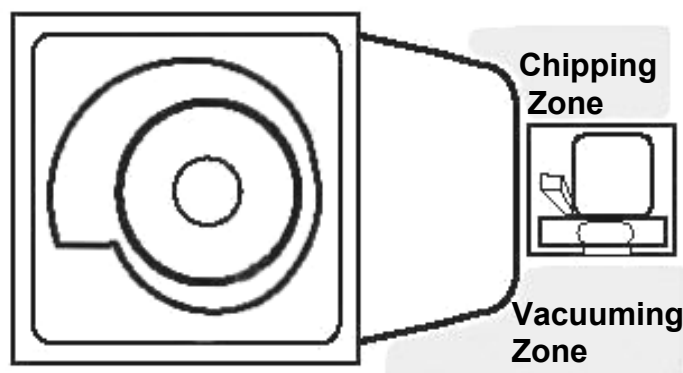
The DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM has a blower motor capable of 1650 CFM suction capacity and a chipper feature that will chip wood up to 2 inches in diameter.

Note: Always be sure to stand inside the **Operator Zones** to run the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM as a chipper or held hand vacuum. These are the areas on either side of your machine (*Figure 27*).



WARNINGS!

- Never put your hands inside the vacuum hose or the Chipper Hopper to clear debris while the engine is running. ALWAYS stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire before clearing the vacuum hose or Chipper Hopper.
- For best results, use a small stick to clear the Chipper Hopper if it becomes clogged.
- The maximum size material that can be fed into the Chipper Hopper is 2 inches in diameter.
- Keep your face and body back from the Chipper Hopper opening to prevent being struck by any material that may bounce back.
- Do not refuel the engine while it is hot or running.



Operator Zones

Figure 27

Important! Use common sense when using the machine. Learn to recognize the changes in sound when it is overloaded. Stop the engine immediately if the machine becomes jammed to prevent damage to the drive system.

Towing the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM



WARNING! Raise the Support Legs prior to towing this equipment. Extended support legs can be damaged or deformed if they hit the ground or an object.

1. Make sure the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM trailer tongue is firmly attached to your lawn tractor Hitch Plate using the Clevis Pin and Hitch Clip (*Figure 28*). Also see Connecting the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to your Lawn Tractor on page 18.
2. Raise the three Support Legs into the mounting frame by repositioning the Safety Hitch Pins into the lower holes provided in the leg shafts (see *Figure 18* on page 18).
3. Make sure the Collector Box Tilt Bed is secured down by the Dump Lever (*Figure 29*), the Collector Box hose is latched in place (*Figure 15* on page 16), and the Blower Inlet Vacuum Hose is securely attached to the Hose Adapter (*Figure 22* on page 21).

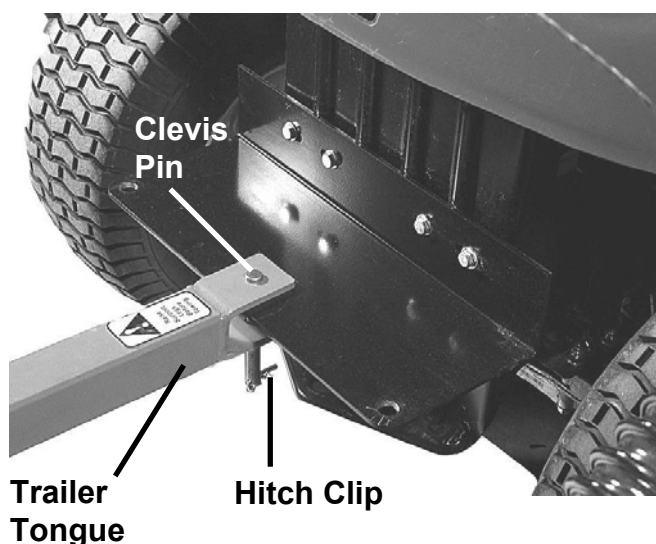


Figure 28



Figure 29

Towing Safety

- Never allow anyone to ride in or on the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM.
- Obey local, state, and federal regulations when you tow the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM across public roads and highways.
- Use caution when backing up your lawn tractor or trying to make tight turns going forward with the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM attached. The trailer hitch has an anti-jackknifing feature, which limits the turning radius. Trying to turn too sharply can cause damage to the trailer hitch and/or the lawn tractor if you hit an obstacle. Go slowly in areas where tight turns are necessary. Straighten out the system before attempting to back up.



WARNING! Watch out for low branches, overhangs and guy wires that may catch on top of the Collector Box.

Important! The DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM trailer is not equipped for highway use.

Slopes & Uneven Terrain



WARNING! Never operate your machine on slopes greater than 20 degrees. When operating the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM over uneven terrain and slopes, use **EXTREME CAUTION** to not tip over the machine. Move slowly, especially with a full load, if the ground has ruts, bumps and other depressions.

- Do not use the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM on slopes greater than 20 degrees. Doing so could result in serious injury or damage to your machine (*Figure 30*).
- On a slope, a heavy load will tend to shift. When using your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM, keep in mind that loads tend to shift to the downhill side of the Collector Box. The higher and heavier the load, the greater the chance the machine may tip over.
- Travel up and down slopes (*Figure 30*) and avoid going across slopes. This is the same recommendation for mowing with your lawn tractor alone.

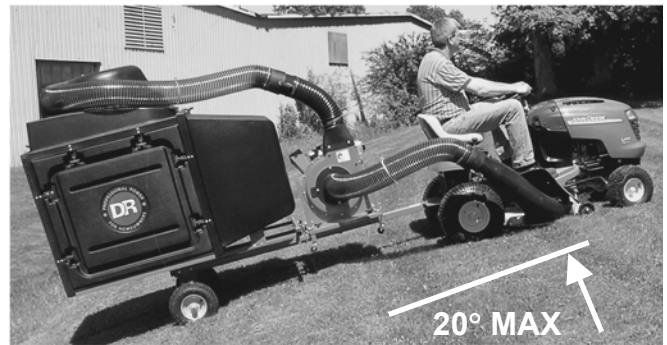


Figure 30

Operating the Chipper

In addition to towing the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM with your lawn tractor, and using it as a vacuum; the system also allows you to chip sticks and limbs up to 2" in diameter.



WARNINGS!

- Always operate the chipper from the “Chipping Zone” (see *Figure 27* on page 25).
- To prevent damage to your chipper, feed only wood up to 2" in diameter into the Chipper Hopper.
- Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.
- NEVER use your hand to push the remaining wood stub down into the Chipper Hopper or try to remove a lodged piece of wood with the engine running.

1. Start the engine in accordance with “Starting & Stopping” on page 24.
2. To process branches; feed them into the Chipper Hopper opening (*Figure 31*).
3. As the chipped branch shortens, finish chipping it by pushing the stub down the Hopper with the next branch to be chipped.

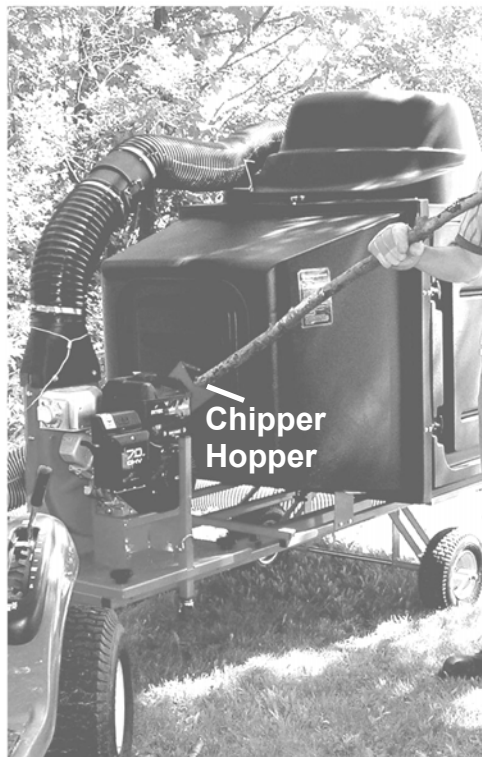


Figure 31

Tips:

- It is best to trim off any side twigs from the main branch being chipped (*Figure 32*).
- Green branches process quicker and easier than dry branches and soft wood is easier than hardwood.
- Use caution with small diameter green saplings and branches. Chip these grouped or bundled together to provide support for each other (*Figure 33*).
- Make sure the Chipper finishes chipping material in the Hopper before shutting the engine off.



Figure 32

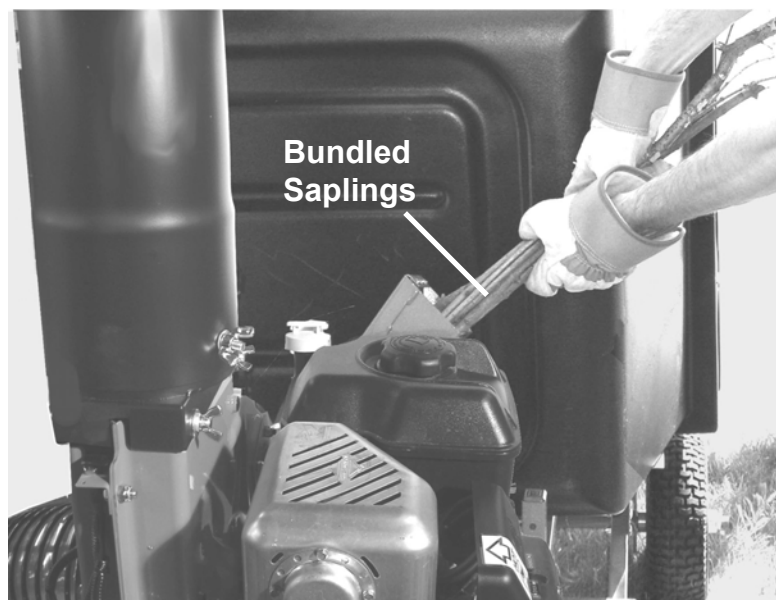


Figure 33

Important! Use common sense when using the machine. Learn to recognize the change in sounds when it is overloaded. Stop the engine immediately if the machine becomes jammed to prevent damage to the drive system.

Dumping



WARNINGS!

- Always shut off the tractor engine and the vacuum engine and use caution when dumping the Collector Box load.
- The load may have shifted against the rear panel. Push down on the Dump Handle when releasing the Dump Lever to prevent the Tilt Bed from suddenly tipping.

1. Disconnect the Collector Box Hose from the Blower Exit Elbow by releasing the two flexible latches (*Figure 34*) and separate the hoses.
2. Remove the Rear Panel of the Collector Box by releasing the six (6) fasteners located at the sides, top and bottom of the panel. Lift the Rear Panel off the mounting pins on the Collector Box Cover.
3. While holding down on the Dump Handle, pull the Dump Lever (*Figure 35*) to unlock the Tilt Bed and then raise the Tilt Bed using the Dump Handle (*Figure 36*).
4. After dumping the load, lower the Tilt Bed until the Dump Lever locks into place (*Figure 36*), and replace the Rear Panel.
5. Re-connect the Collector Box Hose to the Blower Exit Elbow.

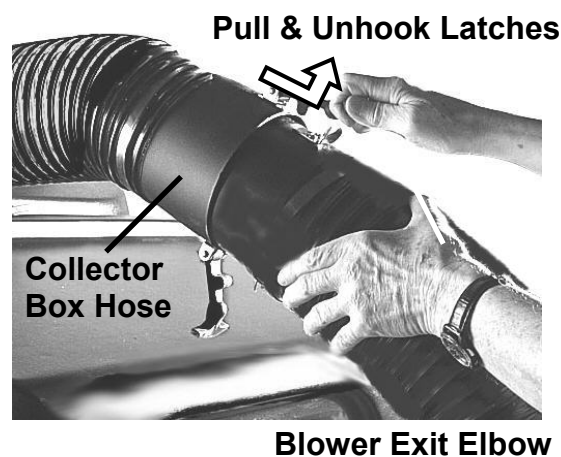


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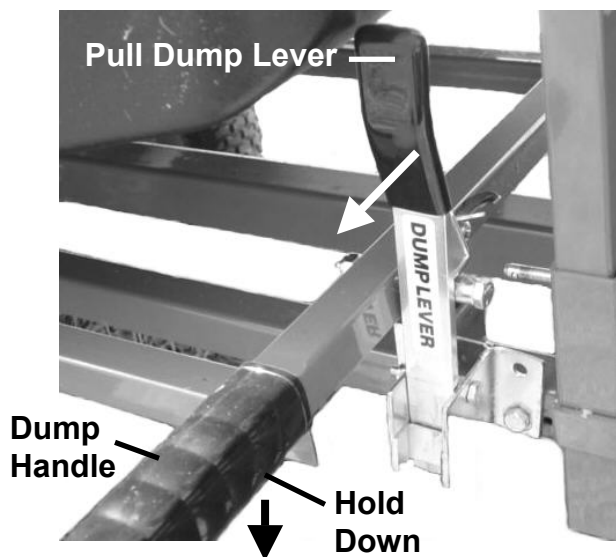


Figure 35



Figure 36

Tip: Give the Dump Handle a little shake after emptying the Collector Box to loosen up the remaining material. Then drive forward about a foot with the Collector Box in the dump position. Shake the handle again and then lower the Tilt Bed back down until the Dump Lever locks into place. This usually gets all but a small amount of material to dump from the Collector Box. Clean or wipe away the remaining material and you are ready to reinstall the Rear Panel.

Tip: For heavy loads, it may be necessary to manually remove part of the load before dumping to reduce the tipping effort.

Use as a Trailer

The DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM may be used as a trailer (500 lbs. MAX) to haul firewood, stones, brush, etc., around your property. There are a few options available to use your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM as a trailer.



WARNINGS!

- When using the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM as a trailer, **NEVER** allow people or animals to ride in or on the trailer.
- Raise the Support Legs prior to towing this equipment. Extended support legs can be damaged or deformed if they hit the ground or an object.
- Secure the load to prevent it from shifting.

Important! The trailer is not equipped for highway use.

- Remove just the Rear Panel (*Figure 37*) or,
- Remove just the Front and Rear Panels or,
- Remove the Front and Rear Panels, and the Centrifugal Separator (Top) or,
- Remove all the panels and use as flat bed trailer.
- The trailer may also be used with the Blower/Chipper Engine removed (See page 40).

To assemble the desired configuration, refer to the Collector Box Installation section on page 14.



Figure 37

LEAF and LAWN VACUUM Tips

Tip: For the most efficient use of the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM, use this sequence of steps:



WARNING! Pickup stones, metal objects, glass and sticks before vacuuming.

1. Gather and pile sticks to be chipped.
2. Chip the smaller sticks and branches.
3. Remove the rear panel and load the larger limbs (*Figure 37*).
4. Dump the load at the desired location.
5. Mow and vacuum leaves.

Tip: Be careful in corners. Practice in first gear to understand the effects of the trailer on your ability to turn sharply. Drive your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM into the corner of your property and back out straight to mow as close to the corner as possible. Avoid going thru ditches.

Tip: Eyebolts have been provided on the sides of the Collector Box so that you can attach accessories or other tools to transport them around the work site. Items can be attached with ropes or elastic (Bungee) cords provided by the user.

Tip: The lawn deck will tend to scatter some leaves in front and to the right of the lawn deck. Keeping this discharge side toward the remaining leaves will simplify cleanup by avoiding blowing leaves back onto the areas that you already finished. When you need to vacuum with the discharge side toward the completed area of the lawn, then overlap the discharge side of the lawn deck at least a foot over the already completed section of the lawn.

Tip: To prevent clogging the lawn deck adapter and vacuum hose, mow grass that is dry and not more 2" at a time. Cutting less than 1/3 the grass height is recommended to keep your grass healthy.

Tip: Run your lawn deck with your tractor at full throttle all the time to maximize the lift from your lawn deck and assist your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM system.

Tip: Avoid dragging the Inlet Hose over curbs, stonewalls or piles of cut branches. The hose is tough, but can puncture on sharp objects. This could also crack the Blower Inlet Adapter.

Chapter 5: Maintaining the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM

Regular maintenance is the way to ensure the best performance and long life of your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM. Please refer to this manual and the engine owner manual for maintenance procedures. Service intervals listed in the checklist below supercede those listed in the engine owner manual.



WARNING! When performing any maintenance, you must first shut off the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire. Read the "Safety Considerations" section of this manual before performing any repairs or maintenance.

Regular Maintenance Checklist

Note: Service intervals shown are considered maximum under normal operating conditions. Increase frequencies under extremely dirty or dusty conditions.

Procedure	Before Each Use	Every 20 Hours	Every 100 Hours
Check Engine Oil Level	▲		
Check blower hoses for wear, holes, or abraded areas.	▲		
Check the general condition of the machine, e.g. nuts, bolts, welds, etc.	▲		
Make sure engine retaining knobs are tight.	▲		
Check Tire Pressure to be 40 psi.		▲	
Clean Engine Air Filters		▲	
Change Engine Oil Note: 1 st time after 5 hours of operation		▲	
Clean Engine Exterior & Cooling Fins		▲	
Replace Spark Plug			▲
Replace Engine Air Filters			▲

Lubrication

Your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM was lubricated at the Factory. The operator needs to provide engine lubrication and lubricate the wheels periodically.

Supplies Needed:

- Grease gun with #2 Lithium Grease
1. Lubricate each wheel with #2 Lithium grease using a grease gun on the fitting (*Figure 38*).

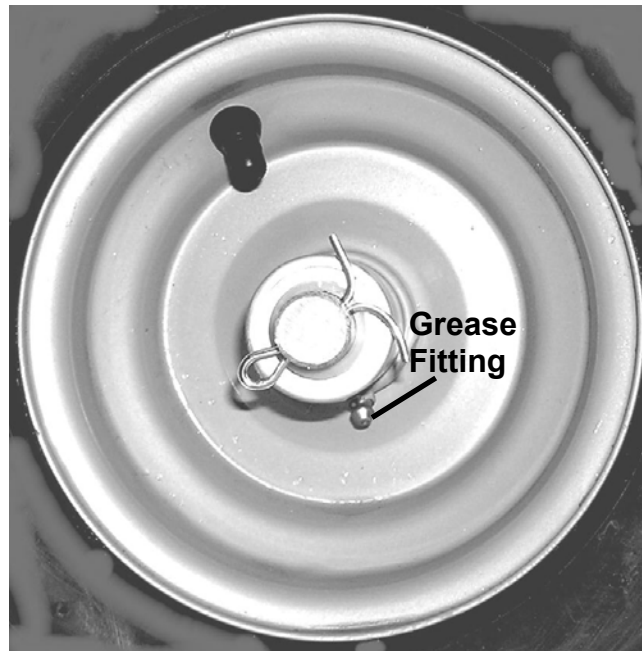


Figure 38

Removing and Replacing the Engine Oil

! WARNING! Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

Important! Be certain to fill with oil before starting the engine. See page 23.

Tools & Supplies Recommended:

- Pliers
- SAE 30 HD, 20 oz. (0.60L)

Note: Drain the oil when the engine is warm. Warm oil drains quickly and completely.

1. Position a suitable oil receptacle under the engine oil drain and remove the engine oil Fill Cap (*Figure 39*).
2. Remove the engine Oil Drain Extension Cap counterclockwise using the pliers (*Figure 39*).
3. Allow the used oil to drain completely, then reinstall the Drain Extension Cap and tighten securely.
4. Replace the engine oil using SAE 30 HD oil. See page 23.
5. Replace the spark plug wire.

Note: If the oil is not to be reused, be sure to use environmentally safe disposal procedures in the disposing of the used oil.

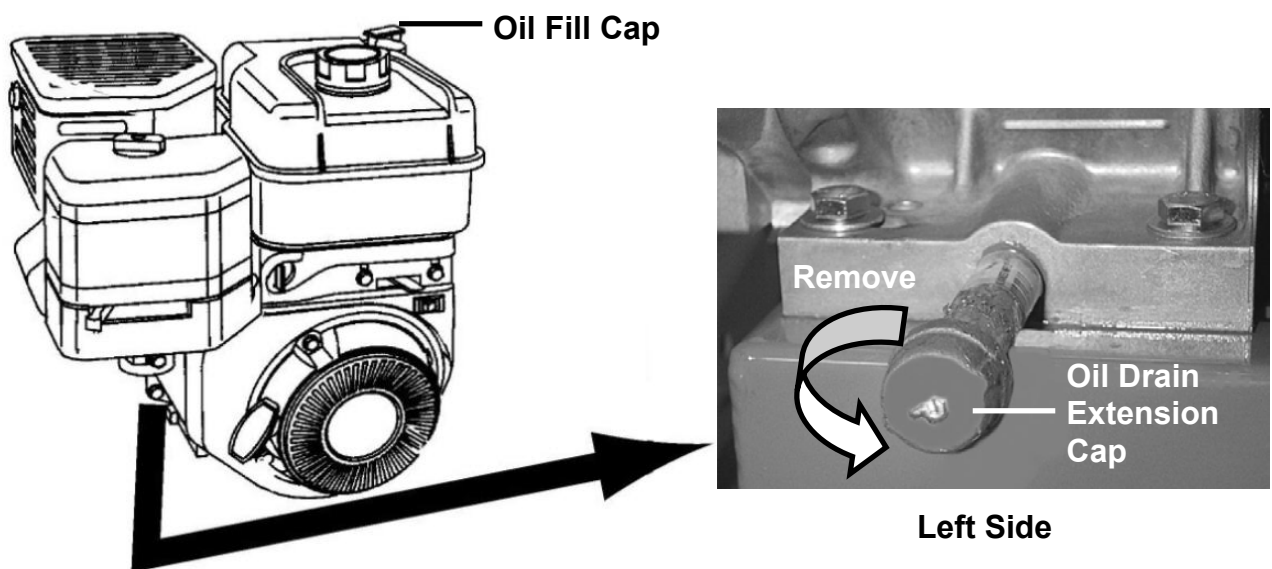


Figure 39

Removing and Replacing the Blower Hoses

! WARNING! Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

Collector Box Hose:

Tools Needed:

- Diagonal or wire cutter
 - Screwdriver or nut driver
1. Disconnect the Collector Box Hose from the Blower Exit Elbow by loosening the Hose Clamp with a screwdriver or nut driver (*Figure 40*) and separating the hose from the Connector Fitting. Leave the loose clamp on the fitting.
 2. Tilt the trailer bed back for ease of access and cut the hose support tie strap (*Figure 41*).
 3. Remove the hose from the inlet of the Centrifugal Separator by grasping the hose and unscrewing it, clockwise (*Figure 42*).
 4. Install the new hose by turning the hose counterclockwise into the inlet opening of the Centrifugal Separator. Turn the hose in until about 4 or 5 of the hose ribs have entered the opening.
 5. Lower the Tilt Bed, until locked in place, and slip the remaining end of the hose onto the connector fitting on the Blower Exit Elbow.
 6. Slide the Hose Clamp up on the hose and tighten.

Note: Make sure that the clamp is on the blower side of the raised rivet in the connector sleeve to prevent the hose from slipping off after the clamp is tightened.

7. Replace the Hose Support Tie Strap with the new one supplied with the replacement hose (*Figure 41*).

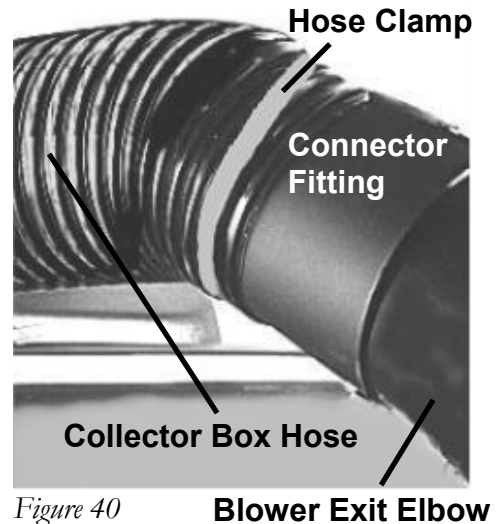


Figure 40



Figure 41



Figure 42



WARNING! Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

Blower Inlet Hose:

Tools Needed:

- Diagonal or wire cutter
- Screw driver or nut driver

1. Cut the support tie around the Blower Inlet Hose (*Figure 43*).
2. Loosen the clamp retaining the Inlet Hose at the Inlet Hose Adapter and the connector fitting at the opposite end of the hose. Then slip the hose off the adapter and fitting (*Figure 43*).
3. Install the new hose in the reverse order making sure that the clamps are positioned on the blower side of the raised rivet in the Inlet Hose Adapter and on the fitting side of the raised rivet in the connector fitting to prevent the hose from slipping off after the clamps are tightened.
4. Check the Safety Interlock Switch to be sure that it is engaged.
5. Install a new Support Tie, through the Lanyard and around the Inlet Hose about half way along the hose (*Figure 43*). Cut off excess Support Tie.

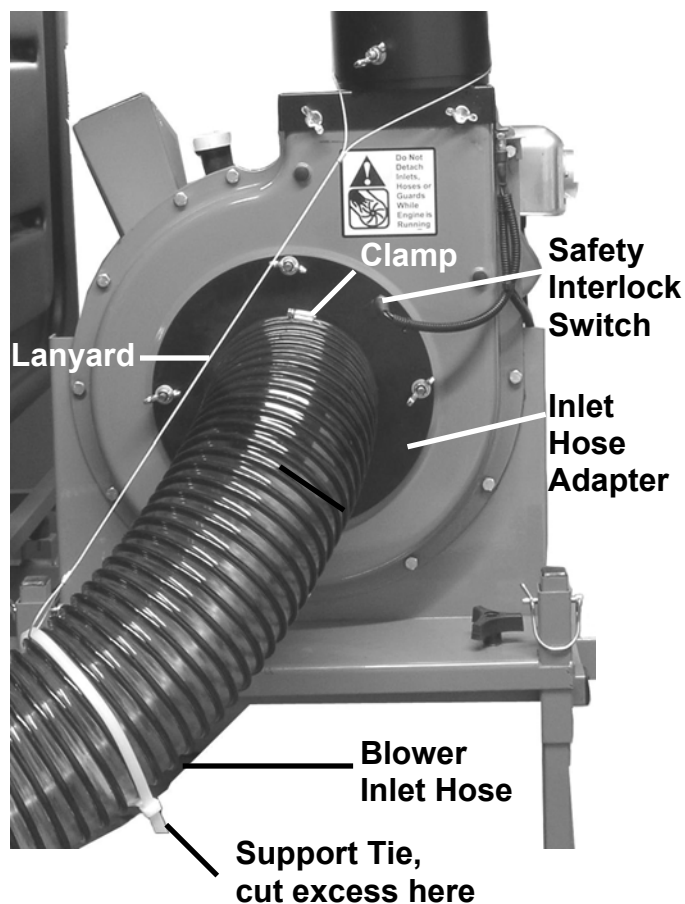


Figure 43

Removing and Replacing the Blower Exit Elbow

! WARNING! Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

Tool Needed:

- Diagonal or wire cutter

1. Disconnect the Blower Exit Elbow to the Collector Box Hose by releasing the two flexible latches (*Figure 44*) and separate the hose.
2. Cut the tie around the Inlet Hose at the end of the Lanyard (*Figure 43*).
3. Remove the four (4) Wing Screws from the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly (*Figure 44*).
4. Lift the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly from the top of the Blower and install a new assembly in the reverse order (*Figure 44*).
5. Install the new cable tie through the end loop of the Lanyard about halfway along the Blower Inlet Hose.
6. Check the Safety Interlock Switch to be sure that it is engaged.

Note: If the safety interlock switch is not engaged, adjust the switch mounting bracket by loosening the bracket bolt and sliding the bracket up so that the button on the switch is fully depressed against the blower exit elbow assembly. See page 16.

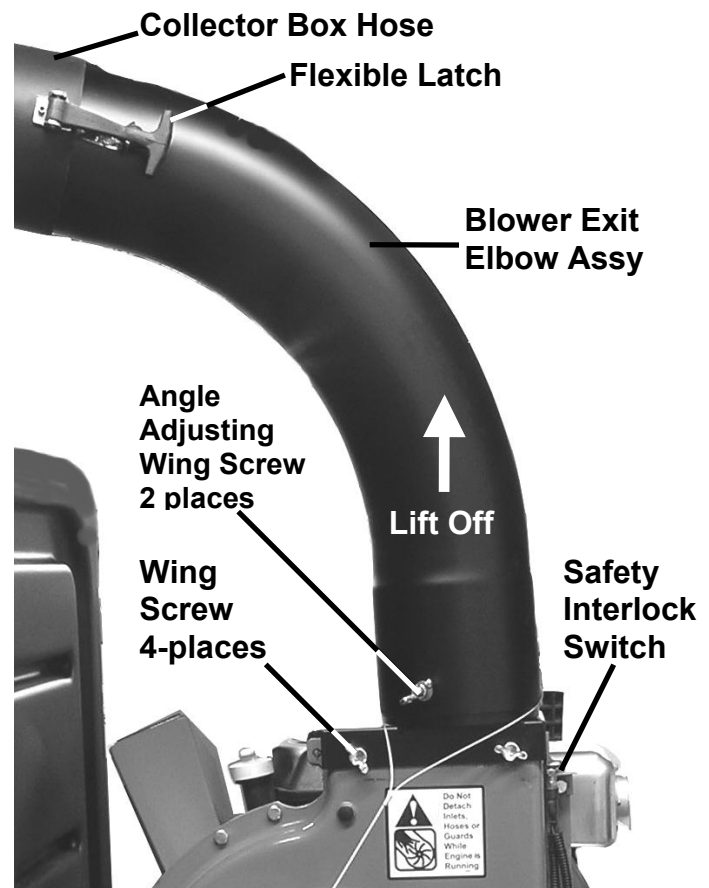


Figure 44

Removing and Replacing the Chipper Blade

! WARNING! Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

! WARNING! Do not attempt to re-sharpen the chipper blade. This will unbalance the impeller and may damage the engine and blower. Always replace a dull or damaged chipper blade with a new blade.

Tools Needed:

- (2) 1/2" wrench or socket
 - 9/16" wrench or socket
 - 3/16" Allen wrench
1. Disconnect the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly from the Collector Box Hose (*Figure 44*).
 2. Remove the Wing Nuts and Wing Screws to disconnect the Inlet Hose Adapter and Blower Exit Elbow Assembly from the Chipper/Blower unit (*Figure 45*).
 3. Using two (2) 1/2" wrenches or sockets, remove the 12 Bolts & Nuts retaining the Blower Cover Plate (*Figure 45*) and remove the plate from the blower housing. The Chipper Impeller is now exposed.
 4. Using the 9/16" wrench or socket, remove the Chipper Impeller retaining bolt from the engine shaft and slide the impeller off of the shaft (*Figure 46*). Be sure to save the key in the slotted shaft.
 5. The Chipper Blade is attached to the impeller with three (3) Allen head screws and three (3) nylon lock nuts (*Figure 46*). Using the 3/16" Allen wrench and 1/2" wrench, remove the old Chipper Blade by removing the three (3) screws and nuts.
- Note:** Carefully observe the orientation of the Chipper Blade edge and mounting holes when removing the blade.
6. Install the new Chipper Blade and Impeller in the reverse order making sure the key is installed in the engine shaft keyway.

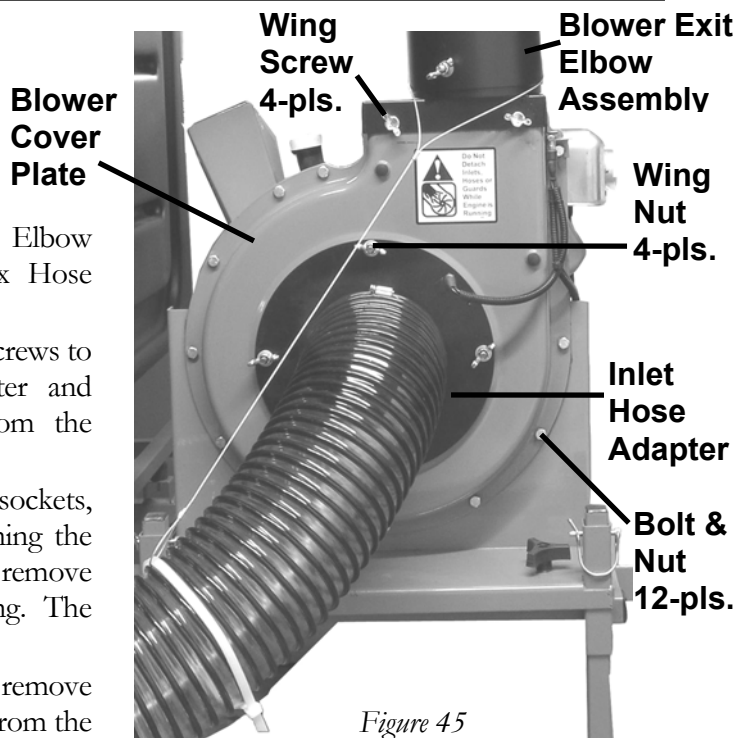


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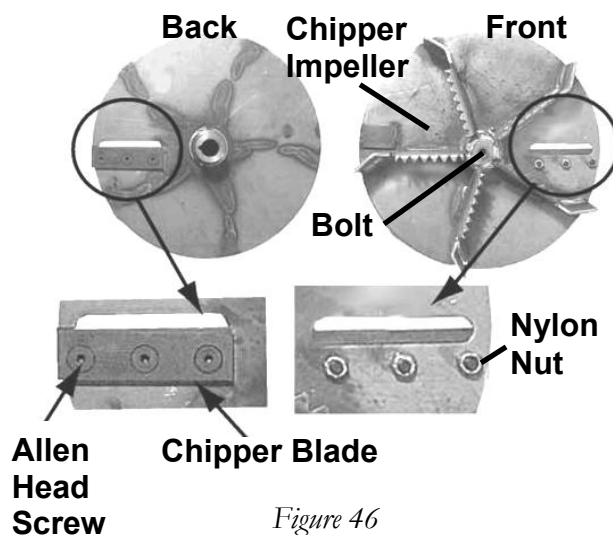


Figure 46

Note: If the Safety Interlock Switch is not engaged, adjust the switch mounting bracket by loosening the bracket bolt and sliding the bracket up so that the button on the switch is fully depressed against the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly. See page 16.

Removing the Blower/Chipper Engine Unit

WARNINGS!

- Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.
- Before performing this procedure, assure that your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM is on level terrain and the brake is set on your lawn tractor.
- Do not use Chipper or Vacuum features without first securing the engine to the frame and securing the hoses.

1. Disconnect the Blower Exit Elbow Assembly from the Collector Box Hose (Figure 44).
2. Lower the three (3) frame support legs by removing the Safety Hitch Pins (Figure 18 on page 18). When the legs are lowered, re-insert the pins and attach the clips.
3. Remove the Hitch Clip from the Clevis Pin and remove the pin (Figure 19 on page 18). Move the trailer tongue from the tractor hitch plate in a side motion.
4. Remove (turn counterclockwise) the two Rear Retaining Knobs holding the engine plate to the trailer frame (Figure 47).
5. Hold the trailer tongue and remove the two Front Retaining Knobs (Figure 47), thus preventing the trailer from falling when the last knob is removed.
6. Slowly lower the trailer from under the engine (Figure 48). The engine assembly is now free to be moved away from the trailer.
7. Carefully roll the Engine Assembly forward from the trailer frame (Figure 48).
8. Store the engine assembly in a dry location.
9. Reverse this procedure to re-install the engine unit then refer to page 18, “Connecting the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM to your lawn tractor”.
10. Check the Safety Interlock Switch. See page 16.

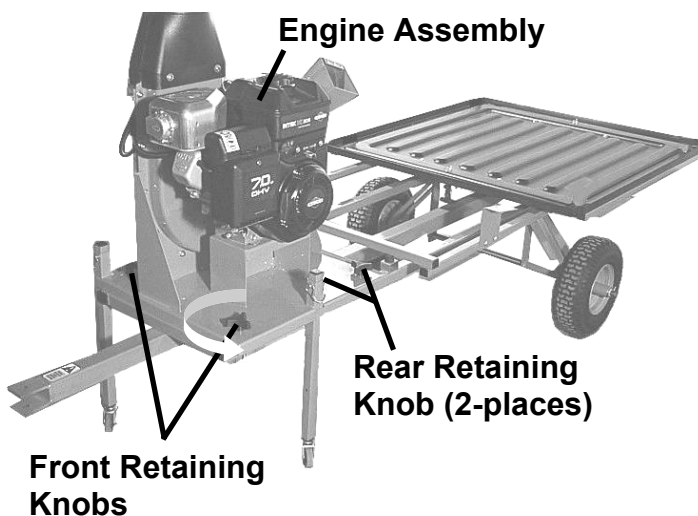


Figure 47

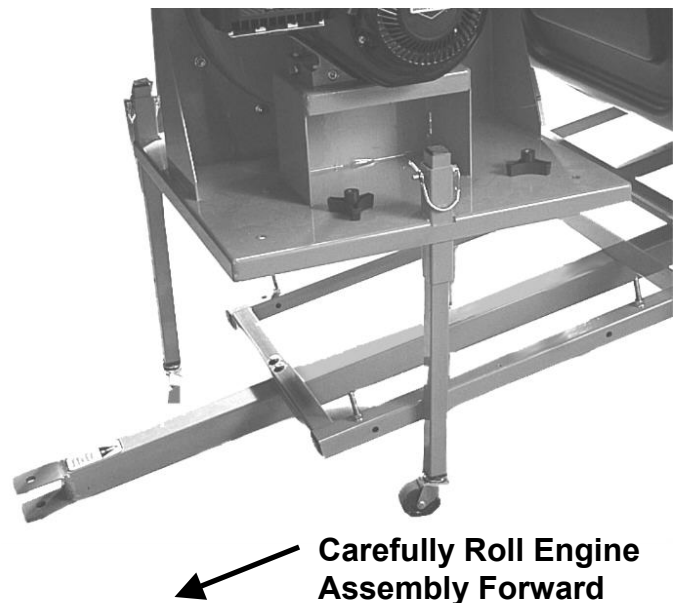


Figure 48

End of Season & Storage



WARNING! Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

Note: Please refer to the engine owner manual for engine-specific procedures.

- Change the oil.
- If your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM will be idle for more than 30 days, we recommend using a gas stabilizer. This will prevent sediment from gumming up the carburetor. If there is dirt or moisture in the gas or tank, remove it by draining the tank. Completely fill the tank with fresh, unleaded gas and add the appropriate amount of stabilizer or gasoline additive. Run the engine for a short time to allow the additive to circulate.
- Remove the spark plug and pour about 1 ounce of motor oil into the cylinder hole. Replace the plug and pull the recoil starter rope until you feel strong resistance. This will coat the piston and seat the valves to prevent moisture buildup.
- Clean/replace the air filter.
- Clean dirt and debris from the cylinder head cooling fins, blower housing, debris screen and muffler area of the engine.
- Clean out residual debris from the blower hoses and Collector Box.
- If the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM will be used as a trailer during the end of season, we recommend that you remove and store the engine in a dry location. See page 40.
- For minimal storage space, you can disassemble the Collector Box by removing the Rear & Front Panels, Centrifugal Separator (Top), and the Side Panels. The Collector Box pieces then can be stacked against a wall in a convenient location. See page 14 for disassembly and re-assembly of the Collector Box.

Chapter 6: Troubleshooting

Most problems are easy to fix. Consult the troubleshooting table for common problems and their solutions. If you continue to experience problems, call Country Home Products, Inc. for support.

Troubleshooting Table



WARNING! Before performing any maintenance procedure, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
<i>Recoil will not pull out or is difficult to pull.</i>	⇒ Check for debris in the Chipper Hopper. ⇒ Check the engine oil level, the engine may be seized. ⇒ There may be an oil compression lock in the cylinder. Take out the spark plug; hold a rag over the spark plug hole and pull the recoil cord several times to blow out any oil in the cylinder. Wipe off the spark plug and reinstall it. ⇒ The recoil may be broken or jammed. Call 1(800) DR-OWNER (376-9637) for assistance.
<i>The engine won't start.</i> <i>(Please refer to the engine owner's manual for engine-specific procedures.)</i>	⇒ Check that the spark plug wire is attached. ⇒ Check the oil and gas level. See page 23. ⇒ Are you using fresh, clean gas? If the gas is old, change it. Use a fuel stabilizer if you keep gas longer than one month. ⇒ Check the throttle adjustment and travel. See page 24. ⇒ Is the spark plug clean? If the spark plug is dirty or cracked, change it. If it's oily, leave it out, hold a rag over the plug hole and pull the recoil cord several times to blow out any oil in the cylinder, then wipe off the plug and reinsert it. ⇒ Check that the Safety Interlock Switch is depressed. See <i>Figure 14</i> on page 16. ⇒ If your engine still won't start, call 1(800) DR-OWNER (376-9637) for assistance.



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Symptom	Possible Cause
<i>The engine lacks power or is not running smoothly.</i> <i>(Please refer to the engine owner's manual for engine-specific procedures.)</i>	⇒ Check the throttle travel. See page 24. ⇒ Is the choke pushed all the way to the left (RUN)? See page 24. ⇒ Is the air filter clean? If it's dirty, change it following the procedure in the engine manufacturer's owner's manual. ⇒ Is the spark plug clean? If it's fouled or cracked, change it. If it's oily, leave it out, hold a rag over the plug hole and pull your recoil cord several times to blow out any oil in the cylinder, then wipe off the plug and reinsert it. ⇒ Are you using fresh, clean unleaded gas? If it's old, change it. Use a fuel stabilizer if you keep gas longer than one month. ⇒ Does your engine have the right amount of clean oil? If it's dirty, change it following the procedure in the engine manufacturer's owner's manual. ⇒ Check the oil level and adjust as needed. ⇒ If your engine still lacks power, call 1(800) DR-OWNER (376-9637) for assistance.
<i>Engine smokes.</i>	⇒ Check the oil level and adjust as needed. ⇒ Check the air filter and clean or replace if needed. ⇒ You may be using the wrong oil—too light for the temperature. Refer to your Engine Manufacturer's Owner's Manual for detailed information. ⇒ Clean the engine cooling fins and the carburetor housing if they're dirty. ⇒ If the engine still smokes, call 1(800) DR-OWNER (376-9637) for assistance.
<i>Trailer wheels tracking left or right while being towed.</i>	⇒ Check the tire pressure. There should be 40 psi in each tire.
<i>Vibrations are higher than normal.</i>	⇒ Check for Chipper Blade damage. See page 39. Note: The Chipper Blade cannot be sharpened and must be replaced if damaged.



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Symptom	Possible Cause
<i>Lawn deck is not vacuuming well.</i>	⇒ Be sure the lawn deck blades are engaged and running at full throttle. ⇒ Be sure the deck is set at the proper mowing height. ⇒ Be sure the vacuum engine is running at full throttle. ⇒ Use 1st or 2nd gear on your lawn tractor for best results. ⇒ Look for clogs along the Collector Box Inlet Hose. Shake the hose to loosen and free any clog. ⇒ Turn off the lawn tractor engine and vacuum engine, and check the Hose Adapter for clogs. See page 21. ⇒ Turn off the lawn tractor engine and vacuum engine, and disconnect the vacuum engine spark plug wire. Check for clogs in the Blower Exit Elbow and Inlet Hose. Remove the hose and shake clogs loose. See pages 37 and 38. ⇒ If your lawn deck still is not vacuuming properly, call 1(800) DR-OWNER (376-9637) for assistance.
<i>Leaves or grass come out of the top of the Centrifugal Separator and the Collector Box is not full.</i>	⇒ Check for clogs along the edges of the Centrifugal Separator cone. ⇒ Check the Collector Box Inlet Hose to be sure it is about 4 to 6 inches inside the Centrifugal Separator inlet and approximately level. See page 36.
<i>Leaves or grass come out of the top of the side panels.</i>	⇒ Be sure the pin is in the hole in the center of the top of the side panels. See page 14. ⇒ Be sure all of the panel flexible latches are secure.

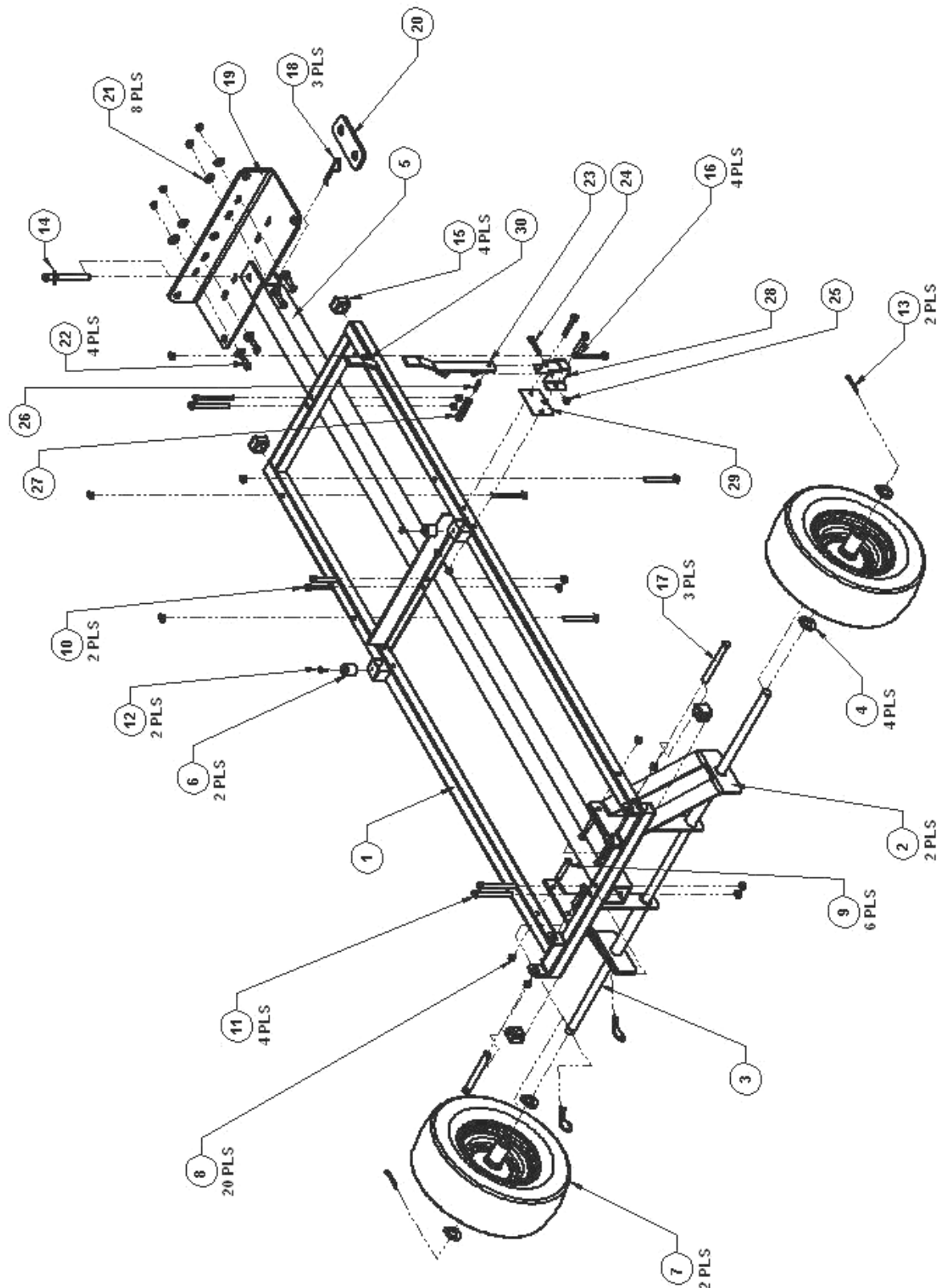
Chapter 7: Parts Lists and Schematic Diagrams

Parts List — Trailer Assembly

Note: Part numbers listed are available through Country Home Products.

Ref#	Part#	Description
01	187281	Frame, Commercial
02	180741	Bracket, Axle, Commercial
03	180751	Axle, Commercial
04	180641	Washer, .8" ID, 1.5" OD X .11"
05	180771	Trailer Tongue, Commercial
06	109341	Bumper, 1" OD X 1"
07	186721	Wheel w/Hub and Bushing, 13"
08	110761	Nut, Nylon Lock, 5/16"-18
09	132341	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-18 X 2"
10	111591	Bolt, HHCS, 5/16"-18 X 2-1/2"
11	187571	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-18 X 3-3/4"
12	111661	Screw, Self Tapping, 12 X 1"
13	126851	Pin, Cotter, 3/16" X 1-1/2"
14	189671	Washer, Flat, Rubber
15	171001	Plug, Cap, 1-1/4"
16	127471	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-18 X 3-1/4", Full Thread, GR.5, ZP.
17	187371	Pin, Clevis, 1/2" X 4-1/2", ZP
18	160031	Pin, Hitch Clip, 1/2" to 9/16", .12" Wire
19	187311	Bracket, Towing
19A	189781	Optional Narrow Hitch Plate
20	188371	Plate, Tongue Extension
21	112411	Washer, Flat, 5/16" USS
22	111581	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-18 X 1"
23	110301	Handle, Latch
24	111481	Bolt, HHCS, 1/4"-20 X 1-3/4"
25	110731	Nut, Nylon Lock, 1/4"-20
26	110961	Spring Pin, 3/16" X 1"
27	111931	Spring Wire, C, .545" OD X .55"
28	189861	Bracket, Dump Handle
29	189871	Plate, Latch
30	110241	Grip, Latch Handle

Schematic Diagram — Trailer Assembly

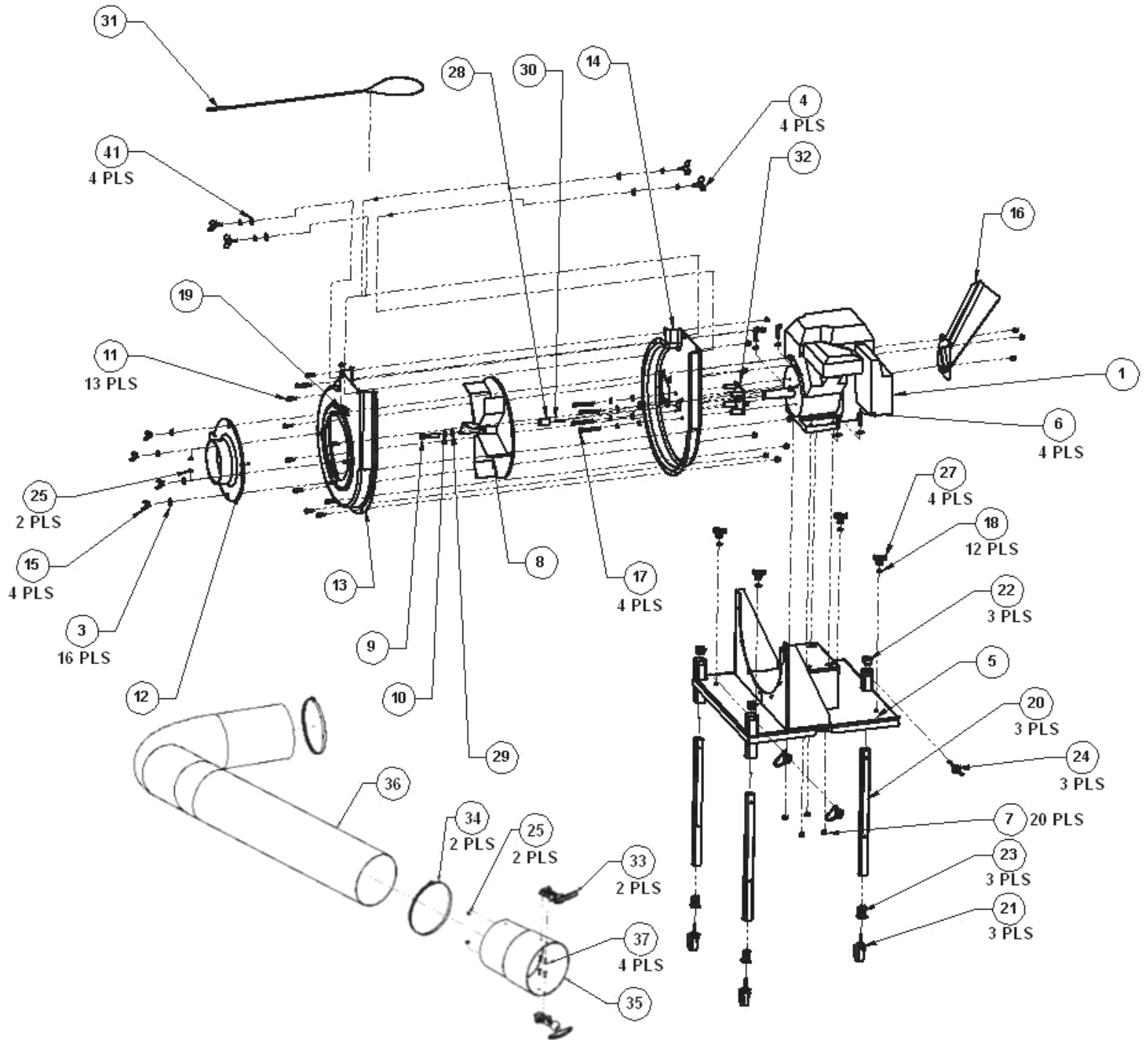


Parts List — Blower/Chipper Assembly

Note: Part numbers listed are available through Country Home Products.

Ref#	Part#	Description
01	186921	Engine, 7.0 HP, B&S
02	Deleted	
03	112381	Washer, Flat, 1/4" USS
04	189311	Screw, Wing Head, 5/16"-18 X 3/4"
05	186941	Engine Mount, Commercial
06	134431	Bolt, 5/16"-18 X 1-1/2"
07	110761	Nut, Nylon Lock, 5/16"-18
08	187331	Impeller w/Knife
09	188821	Bolt, HHCS, 3/8"-24 X 2-1/4", GR8
10	180811	Washer, Lock, 3/8"
11	123211	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-18 X 3/4"
12	188331	Adapter, Hose, 6" to Chipper/Vac
13	186901	Housing, Chipper, Front
14	187321	Housing, Chipper, Back
15	189331	Nut, Wing, Nylon Lock, 5/16"-18
16	187341	Chipper Hopper
17	188761	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-24 X 2-1/2"
18	112431	Washer, Lock, Split, 5/16"
19	188651	Bracket, Switch, Leaf System
20	186951	Leg, Engine Mount
21	186891	Caster
22	111081	Plug, Cap, Square, 1"
23	187681	Socket, 1" Square
24	189251	Pin, Lock, Rounded
25	164141	Rivet, Pop, Alum., 3/16" Dia., X .1875"
26	110781	Nut, Low Profile, 5/16"-24, ZP, GR2
27	188791	Knob, 5/16"
28	188701	Spacer, Impeller
29	112391	Washer, Flat, 3/8"
30	164521	Key, Square, 1/4" X 1-1/4"
31	188711	Lanyard
32	188951	Stand-Off
33	186731	Latch, Draw
34	186961	Clamp, Hose, 6"
35	186771	Adapter, Male/Female, 6"
36	186741	Hose, Inlet, 60"
37	189291	Rivet, Pop, Alum., 3/16" Dia., X .312"
38	189811	Nipple, 1/4" X 1-1/2" (not shown)
39	189821	End Cap, 1/4"(not shown)
40	188721	Harness, Safety Switches (not shown)
41	112411	Washer, Flat, 5/16"

Schematic Diagram — Blower/Chipper Assembly

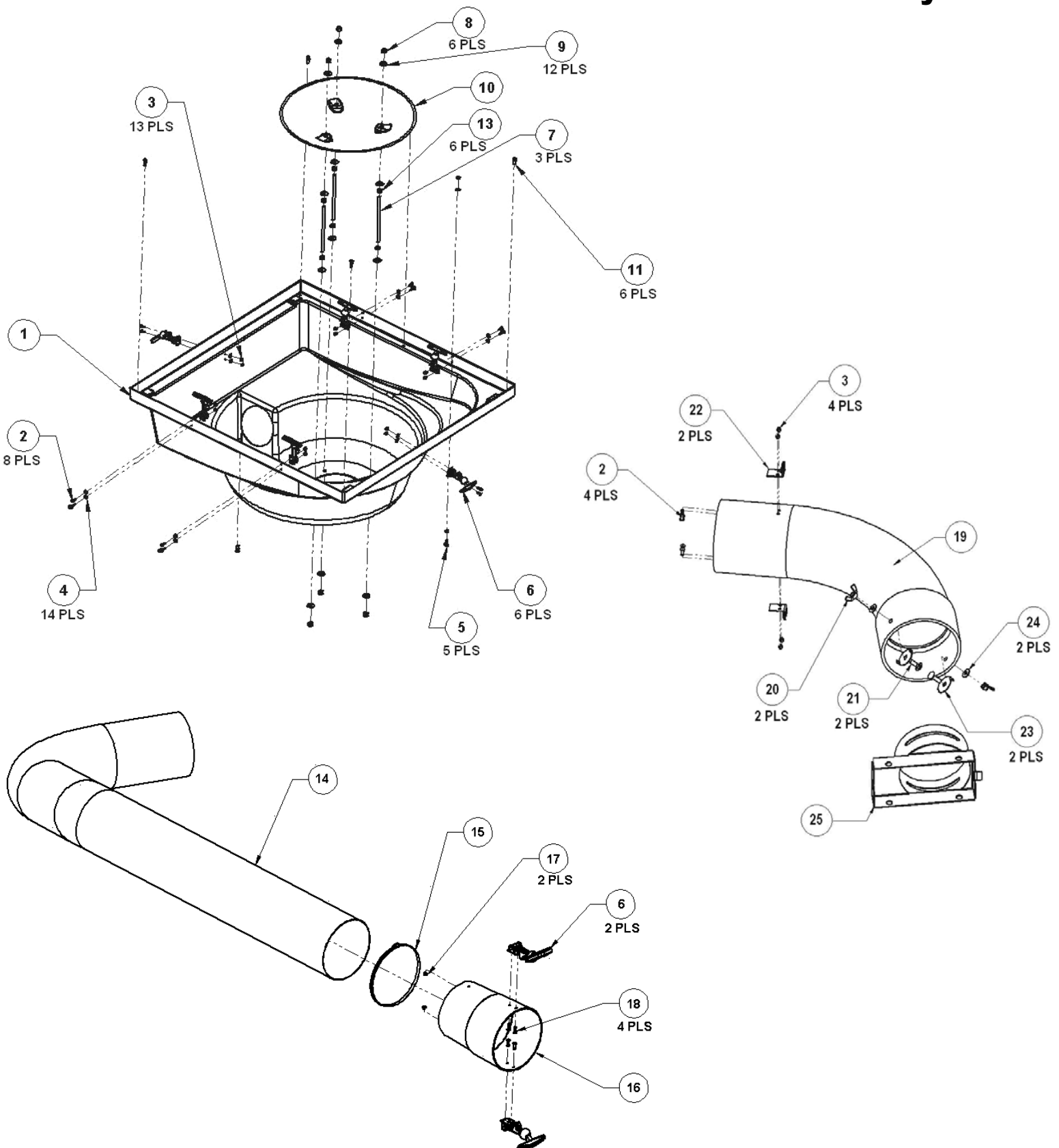


Parts List — Centrifugal Separator, Hose & Blower Exit Elbow Assembly

Note: Part numbers listed are available through Country Home Products.

Ref#	Part#	Description
01	186831	Centrifugal Separator
02	114781	Screw, Pan Head, 10-24 X 5/8"
03	118731	Nut, Nylon Lock, 10-24
04	112371	Washer, Flat, 10-24 USS
05	175521	Bolt, Eye, 10-24 X 1/2"
06	186731	Latch, Draw
07	186811	Rod, Threaded, 3/8"-16 X 8"
08	110751	Nut, Nylon Lock, 3/8"-16
09	112391	Washer, Flat, 3/8", USS
10	186801	Cone, Centrifuge
11	188971	Rivet, Nut, Closed End, 10-24
12	Deleted	
13	126831	Nut, 3/8"-16, ZP
14	186741	Hose, Male/Female to Centrifugal Separator, 76"
15	186961	Clamp, Hose, 6"
16	186771	Adapter, Male/Female, 6"
17	164141	Rivet, Pop, Alum., 3/16" Dia. X .1875"
18	189291	Rivet, Pop, Alum., 3/16" Dia. X .312"
19	190701	Elbow, Blower Exit
20	189331	Nut, Wing, Nylon Lock, 5/16"-18
21	187621	Bolt, RHSNB, 5/16"-18 X 1"
22	189441	Keeper, Draw Latch, 4"
23	190021	Washer, Backing w/Tab
24	112381	Washer, Flat, 1/4" USS
25	190571	Adapter, Hose to Chipper/Vacuum

Schematic Diagram — Centrifugal Separator, Hose & Blower Exit Elbow Assembly

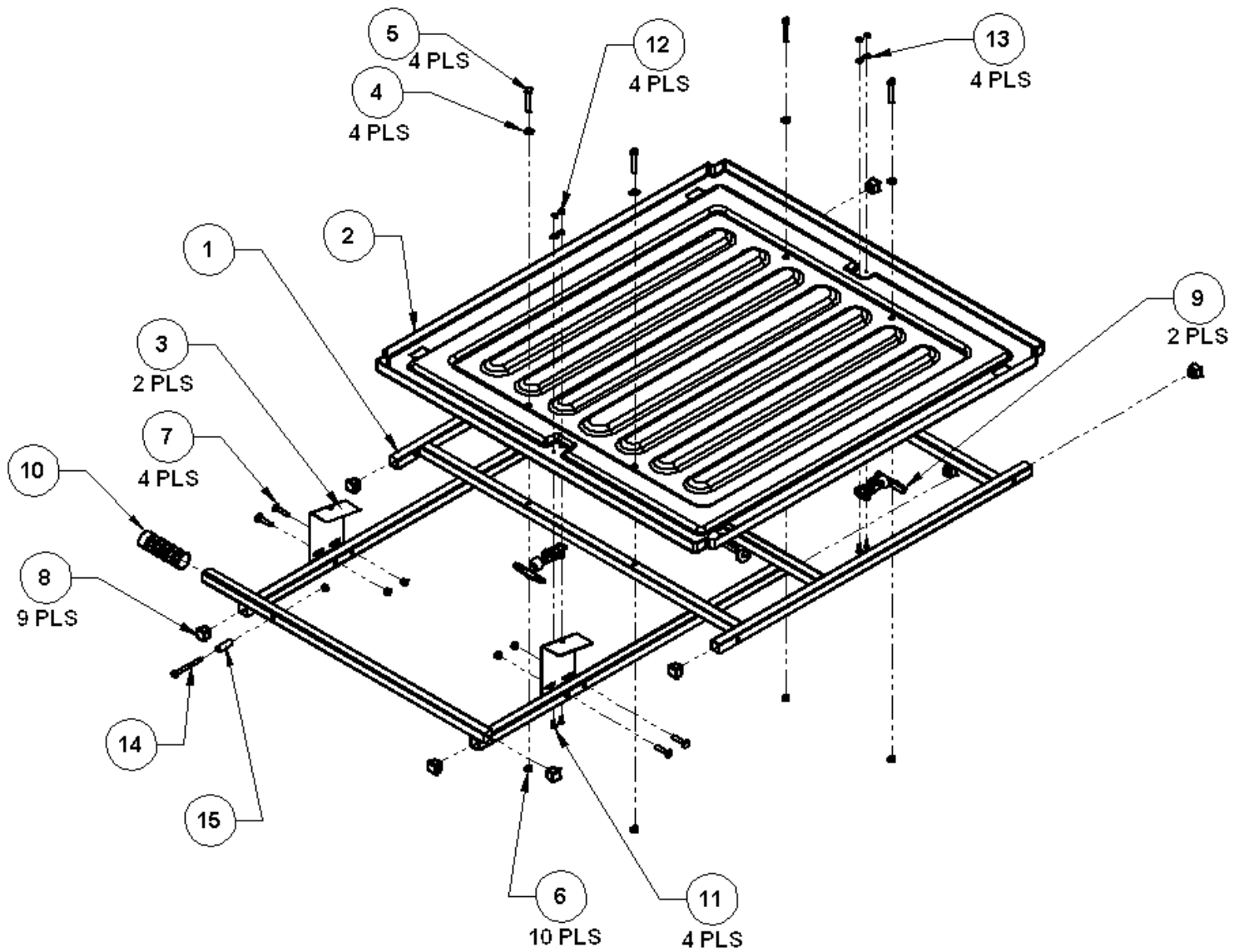


Parts List — Tilt Bed Assembly

Note: Part numbers listed are available through Country Home Products.

Ref#	Part#	Description
01	180731	Trailer Tilting Bed
02	186851	Base, Leaf System
03	187361	Support Bracket, Front Cover
04	112381	Washer, Flat, 1/4" USS
05	150451	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-18 X 1-3/4"
06	110761	Nut, Nylon Lock, 5/16"-18
07	134431	Bolt, 5/16"-18 X 1-1/2"
08	111081	Plug, Cap, Square, 1"
09	186731	Latch, Draw
10	110211	Grip, Handle, Black, 1-1/4"
11	114781	Screw, Pan Head, 10-24 X 5/8"
12	118731	Nut, Nylon Lock, 10-24
13	112371	Washer, Flat, 10-24 USS
14	111411	Bolt, HCS, 5/16"-18 X 3", GR. 5, ZP
15	112311	Spacer, .327" ID X .5" OD X 1.5"

Schematic Diagram — Tilt Bed Assembly

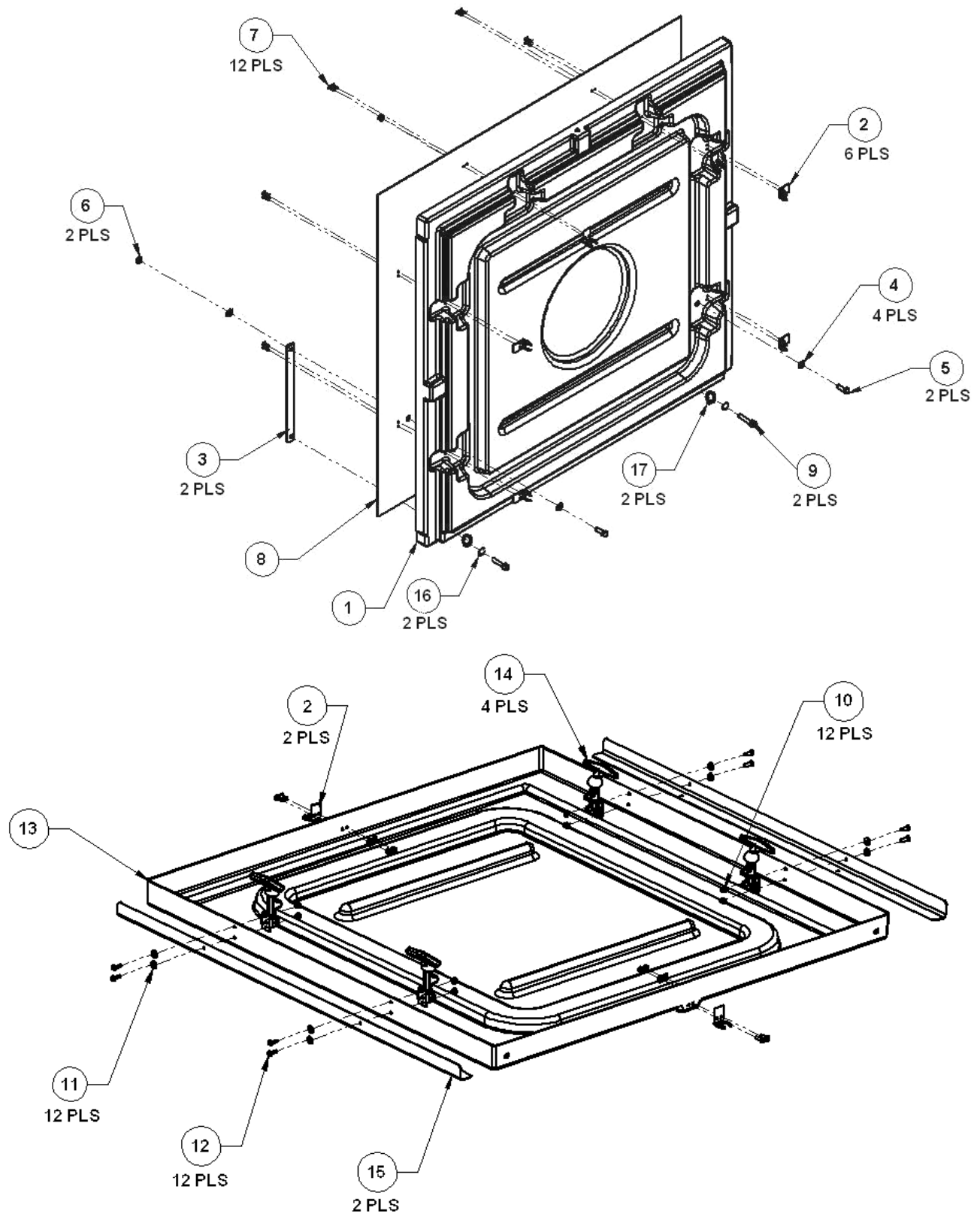


Parts List — Side and Rear Panel Assembly

Note: Part numbers listed are available through Country Home Products.

Ref#	Part#	Description
01	186841	Side Panel, Leaf System
02	189441	Keeper, Draw Latch, 4"
03	187231	Support, Side
04	112381	Washer, Flat, 1/4" USS
05	111491	Bolt, HCS, 1/4"-20 X 1"
06	110731	Nut, Nylon Lock, 1/4"-20
07	189291	Rivet, Pop, Alum., 3/16" Dia. X .312"
08	189111	Insert, Side Panel
09	189321	Screw, Wing Head, 5/16" X 1-3/4"
10	118731	Nut, Nylon Lock, 10-24
11	112371	Washer, Flat, 10-24 USS
12	114781	Screw, Pan Head, 10-24 X 5/8"
13	186861	Rear Panel, Leaf System
14	186731	Latch, Draw
15	188011	Support, Container
16	112431	Washer, Lock, 5/16"
17	112411	Washer, Flat, 5/16"

Schematic Diagram — Side and Rear Panel Assembly

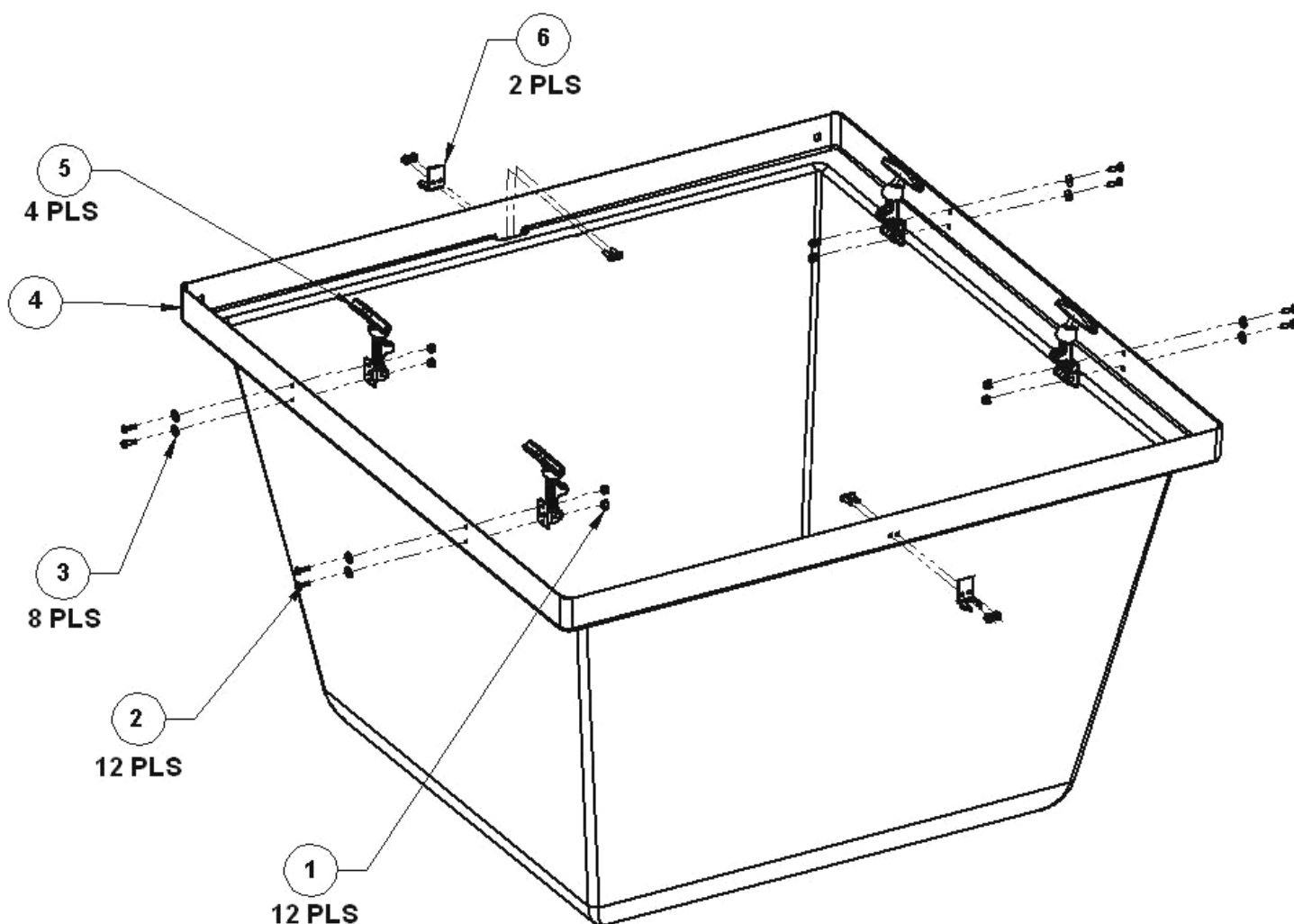


Parts List — Front Box Cover Assembly

Note: Part numbers listed are available through Country Home Products.

Ref#	Part#	Description
01	118731	Nut, Nylon Lock, 10-24
02	114781	Screw, Pan Head, 10-24 X 5/8"
03	112371	Washer, Flat, 10-24 USS
04	186871	Cover, Box, Front
05	186731	Latch, Draw
06	189441	Keeper, Draw Latch, 4"

Schematic Diagram — Front Box Cover Assembly



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DR® POWER EQUIPMENT

DR® COMMERCIAL LEAF and LAWN VACUUM 1-Year Limited Warranty

Terms and Conditions

The DR® LEAF and LAWN VACUUM is warranted for one (1) year against defects in materials or workmanship when put to ordinary and normal consumer use; ninety (90) days for any other use. The engine is warranted separately by the engine manufacturer.

For the purposes of all the above warranties, "ordinary and normal consumer use" refers to non-commercial residential use and does not include misuse, accidents or damage due to inadequate maintenance.

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The 1-Year Limited Warranty on the DR® LEAF and LAWN VACUUM starts on the date the machine ships from our factory. The 1-Year Limited Warranty is applicable only to the original owner.

The warranty holder is responsible for the performance of the required maintenance as defined by the manufacturer's owner's manuals. The warranty holder is responsible for replacement of normally wearing parts such as the blower hoses and spark plug. Attachments and accessories to the machine are not covered by this warranty.

During the warranty period, the warranty holder is responsible for the machine transportation charges, if required. During the warranty period, warranty parts will be shipped by standard method at no charge to the warranty holder. Expedited shipping of warranty parts is the responsibility of the warranty holder.

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Country Home Products, Inc.'s objective is to have 100% satisfied customers. For that reason, we operate a 6-day-a-week Technical Service Department for our Owners. You can access a Representative by dialing our TOLL-FREE Hotline at 1-800-DR-OWNER (376-9637). The sole job of our well-trained and friendly folks is to ensure that you get any help you need in a timely fashion. They are there to answer all your questions including: (1) inquiries on any of the above warranties, (2) inquiries about replacement parts, or (3) your questions regarding service, maintenance and operation.

Our Customer Service Representatives will also be happy to answer any of your questions regarding the separate warranties on all engines. However, to obtain service, repair or replacement of any engine within the time period covered by the manufacturer's limited warranty, follow the instructions and warranty information specifically pertaining to those items provided by their separate manufacturers.

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Daily Checklist for the DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM

To help maintain your DR LEAF and LAWN VACUUM for optimum performance, we recommend you follow this checklist each time you use your machine.

- [] OIL: With the machine on a level surface, remove the oil fill cap and check the oil level.
Fill the reservoir according to the dipstick with SAE 30 HD motor oil. (See page 23)
- [] GAS: Fill the gas tank with fresh, unleaded gasoline. See page 23.
- [] ENGINE: It is very important to keep the engine clean. Remove dirt and other debris from the engine cooling fins and debris guard. A dirty engine retains heat and can cause damage to internal engine components.
- [] HARDWARE: Check all nuts and bolts to be sure that the components are secure.
- [] FRAME: Check all welds to be sure that the frame is in tact and secure.
- [] BLOWER HOSES: Inspect the blower hoses for holes, frayed, worn, kinked, or abraded areas. Replace any damaged or worn hoses. See page 36.



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